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22nd Oct.	ARCADIA	6803	INDIA	7911
29th ,,	ARABIA	7903		
5th Nov.	CALEDONIA	7558	BRITANNIA	6525
12th ,,	MONGOLIA	9505		
19th ,,	ARCADIA	6803	OCEANA	6610
26th ,,	EGYPT	7912		
3rd Dec	CALEDONIA	7558	MACEDONIA	10512
10th ,,	MARMORA	6159		
17th ,,	ARCADIA	6803	CHINA	7912
24th ,,	PERSIA	7951		
31st ,,	CALEDONIA	7558	MOLDAVIA	9500
7th Jan. 1905.	ARABIA	7903		
14th ,,	ARCADIA	6803	VICTORIA	6522
21st ,,	ORIENTAL	6294		
28th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	8501
4th Feb.	EGYPT	7912		
11th ,,	ARCADIA	6803	INDIA	7911
18th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558		
25th ,,	PENINSULAR	7294	BRITANNIA	6525
4th Mar.	MACEDONIA	10512		
11th ,,	ARCADIA	6803	MONGOLIA	9505
18th ,,	ARABIA	7903		
25th ,,	PENINSULAR	7294	OCEANA	6610
1st April	PERSIA	7951		
8th ,,	ARCADIA	6803	MARMORA	10509
15th ,,	EGYPT	7912		
22nd ,,	PENINSULAR	7294	CHINA	7912
29th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558		
4th May	ARCADIA	6803	MOLDAVIA	9500
12th ,,	MACEDONIA	10512		

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Bombay, 20th October, 1904.

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SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 148 of 1899.

HASSAM KHAN bin KASIM KHAN, a minor under the age of 18 years by his maternal Grand Father and next friend SHAIK MAHOMED bin SHAIK KASIM SANGRAR, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at No. 6 Mazagon, Dock Yard Road, without the Fort of Bombay.....Plaintiff.

versus

AZIZABIBI, widow of the late DAWOOD KHAN bin ABDULLA KHAN, and (2) AMINABIBI alias BEGAMBIBI, widow of the late KASIM KHAN bin DAWOOD KHAN, (3) ESMAIL KHAN alias BAWA MIYA KASAM KHAN and (4) ABDOOL LATIFF alias SAIDOO MIYA KASAM KHAN, the last two being minors under the age of 18 years by their Mother and Guardian ad litem the said AMINABIBI, widow of KASAM KHAN of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitants, residing at No. 10 Nawa Nagger Mazagon, without the Fort of Bombay.....Defendants.

WHEREAS by a decree made in the above suit on the 22nd day of February, 1900, it was ordered interalia that the costs of this Suit of all parties to it including the costs of an incidental to the Rule Nisi when taxed and added in the margin thereof and the Receiver's Commission therein be paid out of the estate of the said Dawood Khan bin Abdulla Khan deceased, and whereas by an order made herein on the 23rd day of August 1900, it was ordered interalia that the costs of the Plaintiff and Defendants of the application and order when taxed and noted in the margin thereof be paid out of the estate therein.

And whereas by a Warrant of Sale, dated the 10th day of May, 1904, the Sheriff of Bombay was directed TO SELL all the right, title and interest of the plaintiff and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th defendants and Azzabibi, wife of Abdul Kadar Shaik Adam and Abdul Kadar Shaik Adam, heirs and legal representatives of the 1st Defendant in the lands and premises in the said Warrant mentioned, that is to say:—

All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground of the quit and ground rent tenure with the messuages, tenements or dwelling-houses and premises standing thereon, situate at Nawghur Street in Mazagon without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement seven hundred and six square yards or thereabouts, and bounded as follows:—That is to say on or towards the East by the property formerly of Pathan Huseni Khan Osmani Khan, but now of Ridujli Shapurji Lawyer, on or towards the West by the property formerly of Dharma Nagoo Thakor but now of.....on or towards the North by the Public Street called Nawghur Street, and on or towards the South by a Public Passage and which said piece or parcel of Government ground is referred in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 81 and New No. 1749, Old Survey No. 141, and New Survey No. land 2-35¼ and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under E. Ward No. 535 to 535, and Street Nos. 44½ (1) and (2) Copper Smith Cart Road.

Now it is hereby proclaimed and notified that on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of November, 1904, at the hour of 3-30 o'clock in the afternoon the Sheriff of Bombay will under and by Virtue of the said Warrant of Sale put up for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION at the premises, to the highest bidder and without reserve the right, title and interest of the said plaintiff and 2nd, 3rd and 4th defendants and Azizabibi, wife of Abdul Kadar Shaik Adam and Abdul Kadar Shaik Adam heirs and legal representatives of the 1st defendant in the said lands and premises or in so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of the said decree, costs of previous execution and of the said warrant of sale.

The following is a list of the rights, charges and claims to which the said lands and premises are supposed to be liable.

The claim of the Collector of Land Revenue for Rs. 51-14-4 in re pect of ground rent.

Intimation is given that the Court does not warrant the correctness of the above description of the premises nor the title of the said plaintiff and 2nd, 3rd and 4th defendants and the said legal representatives of the 1st defendant to the same or to any interest therein.

Should the said plaintiff and 2nd, 3rd and 4th defendants and the said legal representatives of the 1st defendant have no saleable interest whatever in the lot to be sold in accordance with this Proclamation any sum paid by the purchaser by way of full or part payment for the same will be repayable to the purchaser.

The above mentioned Plaintiff has not obtained permission to bid at the sale.

Of the price of the lot one-fourth shall be paid forthwith when the lot is knocked down to a purchaser, the remainder of the purchase money must be paid by the purchaser to the Sheriff on or before the fifteenth day after the Sale.

The Sale will not become absolute until confirmed by the Court.

In default of payment in whole or in part as above prescribed, any sum paid as deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the lot will be sold free from any interest therein or in the proceeds thereof of the prior purchaser.

For further information and Conditions of Sale application should be made at the Office of the Sheriff.—Dated this 19th day of October, 1904.

IBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Messrs. SORABJI and JEHANGIR,
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held on FRIDAY, the 21st October, 1904, at 3-30 p. m. at the Registered Office of the Company, No 12 Hummum Street, Fort, for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

1st. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Annual Audited Accounts and Balance-sheet made up to 30th day of June 1904.

2nd. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.

3rd. To appoint Auditors for the year 1904-1905, and to fix their remuneration.

4th. To transact any other business which the Chairman may bring forward at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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i.e., THACKERSEY MOOLJEE SONS & Co.,
secretaries, Treasurers, and Agents.

Bombay, 8th October, 1904.

N. B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th October to 3rd November, 1904, both days inclusive.

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1st.—To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Annual Audited Accounts and Balance-Sheet made up to 30th day of June, 1904.

2nd—To declare a dividend,

3rd—To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.

4th—To appoint Auditors for the year 1904-1905 and to fix their remuneration.

5th—To transact any other business that the Chairman may bring before the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THACKERSEY MOOLJEE & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers

Bombay, 5th October, 1904.

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No. 7, MARINE STREET.

SALE OF 39 BALES GUNNY BAGS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction at Carnac Bunder, in Godown No. 4, in Vollcart's Range, by order of Marwadi Hurdarrai Ramparitab Chamaria, and on account and at the risk of Thucker Roopjee Madhowjee—

39 bales each 400 gunny bags.
Chitty twill of Hasing's Mill, 33 by 21 inches
A deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale.

SALE OF 55 CASES FANCY PIECE GOODS.

On MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms by order of Messrs. Kapadia Brothers and on account and at the risk of Morarjee Mohanjee—

Ex s. s. City of Bombay.

K B M } 3237-9—3 cases each 60 pieces check trouserings, 24 inches.
Ex s. s. Clan Fraser.
„ 3257-9—3 cases each 60 pieces check trouserings, 24 inches.
Ex s. s. Circassia,
„ 4162-5—4 cases each 56 pieces zephyrs, 24 inches.
Ex s. s. Persia.
„ 3728-31—4 cases each 30 pieces plain satteens 45 inches.
Ex s. s. Clan Cameron,
„ 4110-11—2 cases each 25 pieces mercerized stripes 46-47 inches.
Ex s. s. Scindia,
„ 2946-8—3 cases each 45 pieces colored brocades 45 inches,
Ex s.s. Prome.
„ 4398-4400—3 cases each 27 pieces fancy striped coating 46 inches.
Ex s. s. City of Vienna,
„ 2952-53—2 cases each 45 pieces colored brocades 45 inches,
„ 4398-99—2 cases each 60 pieces zephyrs, 24 inches,
„ 4415—1 case 27 pieces fancy striped coatings, 45 inches,
Ex s.s. Scindia,
„ 4158—1 case 56 pieces zephyrs, 24 inches.
Ex s. s. City of Oxford.
„ 4386-87—2 cases each 27 pieces fancy striped coatings 46 inches,
„ 4262-63—2 cases each 55 pieces fancy printed crimps 24-25 inches.
Ex s. s. Crewe Hall,
„ 3972-73—2 cases each 45 pieces colored brocades 45 inches.
Ex s.s. Hadden Hall,
„ 4406-10—5 cases each 27 pieces fancy striped coatings 46 inches.
Ex s. s. Clan Macleod.
„ 3950-51—2 cases each 45 pieces coloured brocades, 45 inches.
Ex s.s. Hadden Hall.
„ 4357-61—5 cases each 46 pieces printed trouserings, 24 inches.
Ex s.s. Clan Macleod.
„ 3974-75—2 cases each 45 pieces colored brocades, 45 inches.
Ex s.s. Clan Macalister.
„ 4332-36—5 cases each 46 pieces printed trouserings 24 inches
Ex s.s. Massilia.
„ 4800-91—2 cases each 60 pieces zephyr checks, 24 inches.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white, and coloured piece-goods and the following :—

Household furniture such as tables, chairs, easy chairs, cupboards, dressing, Wash-hand and writing tables, meat-safe, book and hat stands.
1 soda water machine in case.
On account of the concerned—
1166-69—1 case 4 rolls English leather hose, 2, 2½ and 2 1/2 inches.
By order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Gulamali Fazulali Jariwalla.—
Ex, s.s. Imperatrix,
G. F. A. K. A. L, 7656—1 case real silver laces.
Ex, s.s. Imperator.
„ 9063—1 case real silver laces,
Ex, s.s. Imperatrix,
„ 9137—1 case real silver and gold silk fancy laces.
„ 10236—1 case real silver fancy laces.
Ex, s.s. Imperator
„ 10237—1 case real silver fancy laces,
„ 10241—1 case real silver and gold silk general laces
„ 10,122—1 case real silver and gold silk fancy laces.

By order of the Administrator-General, effects of the late Abai, widow of Bala Rama, consisting of a string of 18 gold putlees, glass bangles, copper and brass utensils, cupboards and sundry articles.

Also the effects of the late Mr. Isaac James Palmer, consisting of writing table, easy chair, cupboard, iron bedstead, books, wearing apparel, &c.

1 Ebonized cottage piano by Rose in good order,
1 Folding organ by Mason and Hamlen.
1 Lizzo hand camera with lens, 1 school microscope and banjo.

AT 5 P.M.

1 almost new "Merkur" gent's bicycle with free wheel and back brake, a very fine machine,
Several gents bicycles by different makers
1 light rubber-tired victoria,
1 second-hand vis-a-vis,
1 French-polished office stagram,
1 double seated glass front landau.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered,

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT FIRST PATTEN STREET.

Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will, on TUESDAY the 25th day of October 1904 at 3 p.m. sell on the premises in one lot by Public Auction the undermentioned property by order and under the instructions of the mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor Kanoolal Parmanand Dewsee and Co. in exercise of the power of sale contained in an indenture of Mortgage dated the 26th day of March 1901 and expressed to be made between the said mortgagors of the one part and the mortgagee of the other part.

DISCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground together with the messuage tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon known as Bhagwan Lodge at First Patten Street without the Fort in the registration sub-district and City of Bombay containing by admeasurement (1522·3) square yards or thereabouts, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 2271, new No. 6911, old survey No. 3-4379 and new survey No. 5017 and assessed by the Municipality formerly under No. 14 and now under street No. 87, 90, and Ward No. 7817 and bounded as follows :—On the west by the sweepers passage, on the west by the aforesaid First Patten Road, on the north by the house of Hemabjee Mobajee Borah and on the south by the house of Bhijmoos Goorcobuckundas and the same premises have been in the occupation of the tenants of the mortgagors.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Mr. Manchershah B. Vakil attorney for the mortgagee at his Office at No. 2 Meadow's Street, Fort, Bombay, or to the Undersigned,

BONA FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE OF CHOICE AND RARE GARDEN PLANTS.

On WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst. 7 A. M., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the "Beaulieu," Mount Pleasant Road, Malabar Hill, a large collection of choice plants, consisting of varieties of ferns and palms, anthuriums, begonias, dracænas, crotons, and other flowering and foliage plants, also large size iron water tanks with ball, cocks, etc. the property of D. J. TATA, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the plants will be on view 3 days before the sale.

On WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs, CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Mahim Bungalow, Mahim Causeway, opposite Bandstand, the valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture suit of drawing-room sofas and chairs lined plush, cane seats, chiffonier, telescopic dining table, marble top sideboard, single and double bedsteads, almirahs, revolving writing table, hand sewing machine, English ice-box with refrigerator, rich glassware, and crockeryware, plateware, ebonized cottage piano, pictures, Brussels carpets, &c.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale,

SALE OF COUNTRY TOBACCO IN BALES, BAGS AND BUNDLES.

Under Instructions from the Administrator-General, Messrs, CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Government Tobacco Godown, Elphinstone Bunder, on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 2 p.m., the stock-in-trade of the late Gowindass Gordhandass consisting of—

23 bales, 9 bags and 15 bundles of country tobacco and tobacco powder and empty bags.

On account and at the risk of Matubai, widow of Raghavji Visram, and also on account and at the risk of Gowindass Narondass—

1 bag rasi powder.

On account and at the risk of Belvantrow Rowji—

About 8 maunds green powder, dakhra, dhus, &c., and empty bags.

The above will be sold in small lots to suit purchasers, and a deposit of 25 per cent, will be required at the time of sale,

SALE OF VALUABLE PEARLS SAPPHIRES, RUBIES AND EMERALDS

On TUESDAY, the 1st proximo, at 2 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their rooms, by order of the mortgagee Mr. Man okchund Kapurchand and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor Lala Kanayalal Rissenchund, of Delhi,—

1 bunch of 4 strings containing 20 pearls about 233 chows
1 bunch of 4 strings, containing 20 pearls about 151 chows
1 bunch of 5 strings containing 20 pearls about 141 chows
1 bunch of 16 strings containing 127 small pearls about 80 chows
1 pearl, about 2½ chows
2 pearls, about 1½ chows
12 pearls, about 2½ chows
1 sapphire, about 10 1/8 rutties
1 sapphire, about 5½ rutties
4 rubies, about 6 3/16 rutties
1 sapphire ring set with small diamonds
1 emerald, about 37½ rutties

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY.—*Contd.*

On SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 2 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Navsari Chambers, Hornby Road, Fort, opposite the Fire Brigade Station, the valuable and handsome black wood and teakwood household furniture, such as drawing room suit of sofas and chairs, lined plush, marble-top tables, cabinet, pier tables, American organ, bronze French clock, with figure, begatelle table, marble clock, mirror back sideboard, camera with lens by Perkinson and Reymond, brass double bedstead, almiras, cooking stove, aviary, Dit mar table and hanging lamps, table ornaments, carpets, glassware, crockery and platedware, &c., &c, the property of W. WHEELER, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale,

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, 21st October, 1904.

FROM TO-DAY

RUDGE WHITWORTH BICYCLES

WILL BE SOLD AT

Rs. 165

FOR CASH ONLY.

J. A. KIRKBRIDE & CO.,

60, TAMARIND LANE.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, OCT. 20.

Thursday.—Pressure shows a tendency to fall in Burma and winds are changing to a westerly direction. The barometer has been steady or has risen slightly to briskly elsewhere and pressure is lowest to-day in South India, Ceylon and Burma. No rain has fallen during the Past 24 hours except in Ceylon, the South Peninsula and Assam, Colombo reports a heavy fall of nearly 7 inches, Chitaldroog, 2, Bhamo, Madura, Kodaikanal 1 inch, Tezpur, Gauhati, Mercara, Coimbatore, Madras half an inch. Dry westerly winds prevail in the Gangetic plain and have extended to Bengal. The air is very dry in North-West India and humidity percentages of only about 2 have been recorded at several stations the most remarkable being 24 at Kurrachee where the normal is 66. The mean temperature of the past day was considerably below normal in the Central Provinces and the East United Provinces. The lowest temperatures last night were 24 1-2 degrees at Dras and 25 at Leh. No rain is probable during the next 24 hours except in the South Peninsula and Ceylon, but a few local falls are possible in Burma and Assam.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE 20TH OCTOBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased briskly at Jacobabad, Bangalore and Ratnagiri and has been steady or has changed slightly over the rest of the country. The barometer is in considerably excess of normal at most places.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been generally light.

Temperature.—The greatest variations are :—Maximum 5° to 7° in excess at Karachi and Deesa; minimum 5° to 6° in excess at Poona, Hyderabad, and Deccan, and 5° to 9° in defect at Jacobabad Cawnpore, Allahabad, Neemuch, Jubbulpore and Hoshangabad. The highest temperature in the shade was 102° at Deesa, the lowest 52° at Jacobabad.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in Ceylon, the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, on the Malabar Coast and at Veraval.

Rain.—Very heavy rain has fallen at Colombo (10·8") and light to moderate showers at Coimbatore, Madras, Bellary, Cochin, Mormugao and Belgaum.

Weather.—Conditions are favourable for local showers in Ceylon, the Madras Presidency and on the Malabar Coast.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 20TH OCTOBER.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities. Wheat sowings will commence after a fortnight.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general. Wheat and rapeseed being sown. Gram sowing has made fair progress.

Mooltan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton picking general. Expect improvement in crops owing to seasonable weather. Wheat being sown.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Beawar.—Bright no sign of rain. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Cotton plants shedding bolls.

Khamgaon.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls. Food-grains doing well.

Dhulia.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants continue to show more improvement. All crops doing well.

Julgaon.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening. Cotton crop excellent. Food-grains doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Broach.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold. Cotton plants flourishing, in flower and showing bolls. Food-grains doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgam.—Bright, no sign of rain. Unusually hot. More rain wanted generally. Cotton plants flourishing and want more rain.

Wadhwan.—Bright; no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing and in flower. Cotton healthy. Crop prospects generally good.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Rain much needed generally. Cotton plants want more rain.

Barsi.—Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls. Food-grains doing well. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Sholapur.—Bright, no sign of rain. Food-grains doing well.

Hubli.—Rain general over district. Sufficient rain fallen generally. Continues cloudy with slight drizzle.

Bellary.—Rain so far insufficient to enable agricultural operations getting a fair start.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 19th October 1904.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah.	inches 29·833
Temperature of the air	degree 85·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer	75·7
Dew Point	72·0
Relative humidity of Air	0·657
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	4·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.)	
next day	degree 91·3
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	79·4
General-Directions of Wind	ENE, WNW, NNW
Movement of Wind in 24 hours miles	221

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director Government Observatory.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON, OCT. 19.

SECURITIES—			
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	£83 9-16	=	+ 3-16
3 do. Rentes	£68	=	unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£105	=	do
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£55 5-8	=	do
SILVER—			
Spot in London	26 7-8	=	do
2 months hence	26 5-8	=	do
Spot in New York	58 1-8.	=	do
EXCHANGES—			
Paris cheques	25·12 1-2	=	+ 1-2
Berlin do.	20·35 1-4	=	unchanged
New York Demand	4·85 3-4	=	do
DISCOUNTS—			
Bank of England	3 per cent	=	do
3 months' sight Bank Bills	2 1-2 per cent	=	— 1-8
6 " " Fine " Trade Bills	2 2-4 per cent	=	— 1-8
3 " " "	3 7-8 per cent	=	— 1-8
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 3-8 per cent	=	unchanged
INTEREST—			
Day to day loans	1 1-8 per cent	=	do
7 day market loans	1 3-8 per cent	=	do

At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 60,00,000
Rs. 25·00 were allotted to Calcutta
Rs. 15·00 do Bombay
Rs. 20·00 do Madras
Rs. 60·00 At Is. 4 1-16d.
Minimum rate received full. Average rate 16·06.
Telegraphic Transfers—Nil.
Total amount sold during the week Rs. 52,60,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 70,00,000
Extra allotments nil.

TALLOW.

Finest Australian Beef	27-3
Finest Australian Mutton	29-0
Tone of auction dull,	

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 12 7-8 S.-O. steady
RUBBER—
Para Rubber 4-10 3-4 sellers.
WHEAT—
Red Karachi 29 1 4 N.-D. done easier
RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat 24 O.-N., sellers } flat
Brown 30 5-8 N.-D. done }
LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 35 1-2 O.-N. sellers easier
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 8 1-2
ARRIVALS—
Steamers Muttra, Gairloch.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester steady. Total sales 7,000. Spot 5·44 + 8. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 15-16 + 1-8, nominal. Sold on speculation and for Export 300. Imports 10,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·32	5·32	5·35
+2	+2	+2
Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
5·37	5·38	5·39
+2	+2	+2
April.-May.	May-June.	
5·40	5·41	
+2	+2	

Receipts at U S Ports	63,000
Do. last year	43,000
Exports to Great Britain	46,000
Do. do Continent	1,000
In New York—	
Spot	10·25 — 10
Futures, month of December	9·89 — 9
Do. do. March	10·05 — 9
In New Orleans—	
Spot	9 7-8
Futures, month of Jan.	9·83 — 9
Do. do. April	10·07 — 7
Tone at close	barley steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Wednesday, 19th October, 1904 :—

Cotton	1,397 bales,
Wheat	18,384 cwts,
Linseed	1,656 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,310 "
Gingellyseed	965 "
Poppyseed	28 "
Groundnuts	nil
Castorseed	37,611 "
Rice	4,359 "
Myrabollams	351 "
Cottonseed	5,213 "
Mowraseed	1,261 "
Gram	3,027 "
Joowar	2,209 "
Maize	11 "

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Gold Coin ..... Rs. 2,25,000
Ex s.s Imperatrix from Alexandria,

BOMBAY, OCTOBER 20,

Exchange—Tone firm.
Bank T.T. .....1s 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand .....1s. 41-16d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A. 1s. 4 1-4d.
Do 6 do do 1s. 4 3-8d.

French Francs	8 do	do	.....	170 1-4
Marks	3 do	do	.....	138 1-4
Hongkong	30 Days'	Sight	.....	135 1-2
Shanghai	30 do	do	.....	189 1-2
Japan	30 do	do	.....	148 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent, Tone quiet.

Cash	... ...	97-9
1st Settlement	...31st October	97·8
Money Market,	—Tone steady.	

BANK RATE.—

Bank of England	since 21st April	3 per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do 20th October	5 do
Bank of Bengal	do 13th October	5 do
Bank of Madras	do 6th July	4 do

SEEDS—
Linseed.—Tone quiet. Rs. a. p.
Ready ... ... 5 13 0 to 5 12 0
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.
Brown Cawnpore, Ready. 4 14 0 to 4 15 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready. 5 7 0
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.
Ready 5 8 0
Castorseed—Tone quiet.
Ready ... ... 25 0 0 to 26 0 0
GINGELLYSEED.—Tone quiet.
Howree Khandeish.....Rs. 36 to 37
WHEAT.—Tone quiet.
Pissi 91 per cent..... Rs. 28 1-2
Club, No. 1 ..... Rs. 29

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM

Tone— easier.
Estimated sales .....bales 7,000
Imports ..... do. 4,000

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·27	5·27
—5	—5
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb
5·30	5·32
—5	—5
Feb.-Mch.	Mch-Apl.
5·33	5·34
—5	—5
Apl.-May.	May-June
5·35	5·36
—5	—5

COTTON.—Tone quiet.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

	Gtz.	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Deli
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry.terms)	...	216	203	...	25 Dec,
Do. do.	...	214	196	...	25 Jan.
Bengals (M.-G.) (Ry.terms)	...	226	...	...	25 Nov.
Do. do.	...	218	...	...	25 Dec.
Do. do.	...	215	...	...	25 Jan.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	...	226	...	...	25 Nov.
Oomrawatee (descriptions)	M-G,	229	...	...	25 Jan.
Khandeish (M.-G.)	...	...	227	...	25 Dec.
Do. do.	...	...	219	...	25 Jan.
Jalgaum do.	...	...	226	...	do.
Khangaum fair staple (M-G)		233	...	...	do.
Karanja do. do do.					
Akola do. do. do.					
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG)		236	...	...	do.
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	...	239	...	...	do.
Broach (M.-G.)	...	...	...	245	15-25 Mar.
Do. (H.-G.)	...	259	...	...	25 do.
Siud Punjab (M.-G.)	...	218	...	...	25 Dec.
Do (H. G.	...	215	...	...	25 Jan.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

The report of the directors of this Bank for the half-year ending June 30th, last states :—The gross profits of the bank for the past half-year, including yen 427,667.—884 brought forward from last accounts, amount to yen 6,489,418—194, of which yen 4,582,417.—636 have been deducted for current expenses, interests, &c., leaving a balance of yen 1,907,000.—558. The directors now propose that yen 200,000.—000 be added to the Reserve Fund, raising it to yen 9,520,000.—000, and that yen 100,000.—000, be placed to the silver funds. From the remainder the directors recommend a dividend at the rate of twelve per cent, per annum, which will absorb yen 720,000.—000 on old shares and yen 360,000.—000 on new shares, making a total of yen 1,080,000.—000. The balance yen 527,000.—558, will be carried forward to the credit of next account.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS?—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. MRS. WINLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

SCOTLAND—October 14, at Saharanpur, the wife of Major D. W. Scotland, Indian Medical Service, of a daughter.

STRATON—October 16, at Landour, the wife of Captain C H Straton, R. A. M. C, of a son,

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 59m. Sun sets, 5h. 34m. High water, 9-32m., 10-0s. Low water, 2-59m., 3-31s.

Hindustan Spinning and Weaving Mills Company, Hummum Street, 3 p. m.

Western India Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Hummum Street, 3-30 p. m.

Damodar Lakhmidas Mill Company, 13 Esplanade Road, 3 p. m.

Hyderabad Spinning and Weaving Company, 3 Tamarind Lane, 4 p. m,

Royal Coronation Circus, Esplanade.

"EASTERN STAR" TENT.—The members of "Eastern Star" tent, Independent Order of Rechabites, assisted by their friends, gave the second of their series of concerts at their rooms in Apollo Street, on Wednesday night. Despite the heat there was a large attendance of members and their friends. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the various items on the programme : Mesdames Cauty, Mayers, Imrie and Messrs, Thomson and Newell and Messrs. Goldthorpe, Jones, Bremner, Lazarus, Williams, Millsom and Coles. The accompaniments were ably played by Mr. Phillips who also gave two pianoforte solos.

PILGRIMS' CAMP AT PIR PAO.—The segregation camp for the outward bound pilgrims has been opened for the season at Pir Pao and the first batch of 825 pilgrims was despatched thither yesterday morning. These pilgrims were gathered together yesterday morning at the Mallet Bunder, where their clothing and other articles having been disinfected, they were embarked in several boats under the supervision of the Customs authorities and conveyed to the Island of Pir Pao. Here they will be detained under medical supervision for the regulation time, at the expiration of which they will be allowed to proceed on their pilgrimage to Mecca. The new arrangements made at the places of embarkation and disembarkation, have removed many hardships to which these people had previously been subject.

BHOWNAGAR NOTES.—The plague has made its appearance at Lathi, and in consequence the exodus has set in, writes our Bhownagar correspondent. The disease has also broken out at Dhrangadhra where stringent measures are being taken to check the scourge.—Hitherto the only evidence that the police have been able to get against the two persons arrested on suspicion in connection with the murder of a widow and her two sons is that their clothes have been found in the house of the victims. The police are, however, ceaseless in their efforts to discover the missing links in the chain of evidence.—The Dussera Sowari was held on Tuesday when at about 5 p.m. the Sowari emerged from the Khargate en route to Roowapuri to worship the tree "Lumuli." There was a goodly gathering.

CHARGE OF CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

BEFORE Mr. J. Sanders Slater, yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court one Narundas Ratlansy a "mehta" formerly in the service of a Hindu merchant of Bombay, stood charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of large sums of money by Inspector Power.

It appeared that on the 17th December last a sum of Rs. 5,792 was given to the accused by the complainant to be paid to Messrs W. and A. Graham and Co., on account of goods to be purchased of the firm. The accused was also entrusted with a cheque for Rs. 1,300 to be cashed which was drawn in complainant's name. Soon after the complainant came to know that the goods paid for had not come to him and that the caused had absconded. The Police were communicated with but had difficulty in tracing the accused. Subsequently his brother was searched on suspicion and about seven hundred rupees were recovered from him. This led to the arrest of the accused.

The accused pleaded not guilty, but was convicted and sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour and was fined Rs. 1,000 with the alternative of a six months hard labour.

The brother of the accused named Damodhur Rutansy who was charged with receiving stolen property was defended by Mr. Dhomi, pleader but his trial stands adjourned.

THE CASE AGAINST SANJANA.

AT the Esplanade Police Court yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, held further enquiry into the case of Shapurjee Cowasji Sanjana, formerly of the Bombay Bar, who stands charged with aiding and abetting in the forging of the will of the late Pershotam Ladha and with using as genuine false documents. Mr. Henry Browin, Superintendent of Police at Surat who has been specially deputed to watch the case was present in Court to assist Mr. Bowen, the Public Prosecutor. The accused was defended by Mr. Desouza, pleader.

The evidence of Rustomji Cursedji Banatwalla, a convict overseer, was led by Mr. Bowen. The witness deposed to having put his signature to the forged will of the late Pershotam Ladha whom he had never known nor ever seen, and for which offence he was convicted. He said he was induced to do so by the accused who assured him there would be done no harm to him if he put his signature as a second at testing witness; and he believed the assurance of the accused because it came from a barrister. The witness identified several documents in connection with the case. The case again stands adjourned till Tuesday next.

THE IMPORTATION OF ARMS.

THE following notice has been issued by the Judicial Department of the Bombay Government :—Rule VI-5 of the rules under the Indian Arms Act reads as follows :—"No license shall be granted, save by the special order of the Governor-General-in-Council, certified under the signature of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department for the information into British India by sea or river or land, or for exportation from British India by sea, of any cannon or of any rifles, or parts of or fittings for rifles except rifles or parts of or fittings for rifles, of such quality or in such quantity as may reasonably be held to be intended for bona fide sporting purposes" Note.—No such license will be granted for the importation of any rifles of 303 bore or rifles of 450 bore of the Martini-Henry pattern" The question has been raised whether a rifle taking the Government Martini cartridge, which is not of one of the bore mentioned in the note to the rule, and which is fitted and sighted for sporting purposes should be considered as coming within the exception as to sporting purposes. The Government in having considered the matter, have come to the conclusion that in the case of such rifles the maritime local Governments may be authorized to interpret the words "reasonably he held" in the rule above referred to, and to determine in each case whether the weapons imported are intended for bona fide sporting purposes and may therefore be licensed under rule VI-5. The Government of Bombay will therefore in future decide whether the importation of rifles of the above description intended for bona fide sporting purposes can be authorised. In the case of weapons intended for a Prince or a subject of a Native State the sanction will not be given without first referring to the Government of India in the Foreign Department. Cases in which any doubt may arise as to whether the rifles or parts of, or fittings of, the rifles which it desired to import can reasonably be held to be intended for bona fide sporting purpose will be referred for the orders of the Government of India in the Home Department.

MOVEMENTS OF ROYAL INDIAN MARINE VESSELS.

THE Royal Indian Marine steamer Clive, Commander W. G. Beauchamp, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calicut, which Port she left on the 18th October, with the following details on board. Captain P. H. Faulkner, R.A.M.C,, wife and child, Lieutenant Coates, R.A.M.C., ; store keeper M. Jamsetjee, S. and T. Dept., 18 Europeans rank-and-file, and 24 natives rank-and-file.

The Royal Indian Marine steamer Hardinge, Commander G. T. Hewett, R.I.M., sailed yesterday for Madras via Calicut.

The Royal Indian Marine steamer Canning, Commander C. R. Rowsell, arrived in harbour last evening from Karachi, with the following details :—1 officer, 1 native officer, and 1 man, 42 time expired men, 1 trumpeter and wife, 1 sergeant and wife, 6 followers and 19 horses.

CHARGES AGAINST A PORT TRUST EMPLOYE.

AT the Mazagon Police Court yesterday afternoon Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, resumed the hearing of the case in which Superintendent Sloans of the Criminal Investigation Department charged Framji Rattonji Surveyor, Assistant Engineer in the employ of the Bombay Port Trust, with falsifying the muster-roll and pay abstracts of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay by entering in them names of individuals as being present at work, well knowing they were not and thereby inducing the Trustees to pay out money. Mr Acworth of Messrs Little and Company Solicitors, appeared to prosecute, Mr. Rustom D N Wadia, barrister-at-law instructed by Messrs. Jehangir and Serval Solicitors and Velinker pleader defended the accused Surveyor. Mr, S B Kapadia pleader, watched the proceedings or behalf of the Dorabji Nassarwanji Kaka who has been made an approver,

Mr, Sorabji Edulji Warden was recalled and further examined by Mr. Acworth. Witness produced a cheque-book of the Deolali Sanitarium funds. The book began with a cheque of Rs. 5,000 dated the 12th April, and paid to the accused, Surveyor. The book also contained subsequent payments to the accused of Rs, 1,025 Rs. 3,000, Rs. 4,000, again Rs. 4,000 and Rs. 7,000. Previous to these payments, a sum of Rs. 1,000 had been paid to the accused from the accounts of the witness own firm.

Dorabji Nasserwanji Kaka, the approver, was then examined by Mr. Acworth on behalf of the prosecution. Witness said he was a time-keeper of general works in the Bombay Port Trust. He did not know if he was suspended at present. He had been in the employ of the Bombay Port Trust for the last fifteen years during which period he worked at the general works chowkey at Chinch Bunder. The accused Surveyor was his immediate superior and witness used to recieve orders from him with regard to the work he had to perform. Mistries used sometimes to bring orders from the accused Surveyor. Witness attended the office at half past 5 o'clock in the morning and his first duty was to prepare reports of the work done during the previous day. He prepared those reports from the information supplied to him by mistries and muccadums. He then called muster. He used to sit near a window on the first floor of the office and thence he used to call out the names of the workmen and marked them present if they aswered to their names. There were three small muster-books kept at three places; one at the dock for scavengers; another for workmen employed from Sewree to Mazagon and the third for workmen employed from Modikhana to Colaba. These muster-books used to come to the general chowkey where either witness or the assistant time-keeper used to enter them in a big muster book. Witness knew one Pandoo Savant, a mason, working at the Port Trust's workships. Pandoo's name appeared in the muster-roll as present from December 1903 to September 1904, although prior to the 22nd September last Pandoo was not at work in the Port Trust's workships for some months. Witness knew that Pandoo had not been present for many months before the 22nd September last, because he did not answer his name at the muster-call. He made inquiries as to the cause of Pandoo's absence from Misiri Babaji Narayan and also reported the matter to accused Surveyor on the same day. He asked accused Surveyor whether he (witness) should mark Pandoo as present and he replied in the affirmative. Witness told accused that Pandoo had gone to Deolali and asked him if he should continue to mark him as present and he said "Yes." Mr, Acworth, at this stage read out the names of twenty-five workmen, mostly masons and carpenters employed at the Port Trust's general works and asked witness whether these men had a swered their muster-call regularly during the last six months. Witness replied that these men did not regularly answer their names at last for six months. Witness made inquiries of mistries as to the cause of these men being absent from the general works and received certain information. Notwithstanding these men had been absent, witness marked them, as present because they had gone on the accused's work. Mistries used to receive their instructions from the accused. Witness made out the pay sheet of men employed on general works. The accused signed the paysheet after it had been checked in the Secretary's Department. Witness included in the pay-sheet the men who were absent from work from December 1903 to September 1904. Witness used to receive the pay of the absent men. Blue tickets were made out for those who were to receive their pay. Witness collected the tickets of those who were absent and kept them with him before the cashier came with the money. He then handed over the tickets to the cashier and received the money. In some cases he handed over the money to the mistries and in others he gave it to the accused. In some cases witness also used to keep the money with him in order to hand it over to the parties if they came for it. He used to receive information either from the mistry or from the accused that the men would come in a day or two for their pay. Witness used to see the accused every day. Witness used to do work for the accused in connection with the Deolali Sanitarium. Witness also used to tell Edulji the turn-cook, to make arrangements for the despatch to Deolali of goods that had arrived from outside places. Witness also made purchases of miscellaneous goods for Deolali Sanitarium on behalf of the accused. Witness used to pay train fares of the men sent from the Port Trust's general works to Deolali and some other miscellaneous expenses for them. He used to make out bills against the accused in connection with those expenses. Witness identified several documents relating to these accounts between him and the accused. He also identified several letters which had been received by the accused from the manager of the Deolali Sanitarium, with regard to the employment of

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GERMANY AND TIBET.

Germany has no more right to interfere in the affairs of Tibet than Tooley-street has with those of Jerusalem. There are those in the Fatherland who would not mourn if the German Army were abolished, and the Emperor done away with (abgeschafft). Germany had better look to them and the Hereros. The occupation will be more profitable than putting a finger in another person's pie. There is no chance of her Junkers treading Tibetan soil; she cannot hope to turn Lhassa into a dumping ground for her surplus products, nor is there the remotest possibility of sending a solitary sausage to the Dalai Lama to soothe him in his solitude. We have two versions of the display of German unfriendliness at Peking. One version is that the "Times" correspondent ascribes the hesitation of China in ratifying the Tibetan Treaty to the mischievous pressure of the German Minister who is co-operating with the Russian Minister. The Vienna correspondent of the same journal corroborates this statement. Reuter's version is that the "Times" correspondent at Peking wires that "Germany, which never loses an opportunity of attacking the British position in China, is taking the lead in inducing China to refuse her assent to the Tibet treaty and is even influencing the Italian and American Legations against the treaty." "Endeavouring to," we think he should have said, for both America and Italy know full well how disinterested are both Russian and German aspirations especially when they run in combination, and we anticipate little success will crown the machinations of the German Minister in either of those directions. In his attitude towards Russia he reminds us of the puny lower-form school boy who eggs his seniors on to fight by carrying tittle-tattle. Meantime, however, our own Ministers are not asleep. The Chinese Amban is reported to have refused to sign the treaty at the last moment, saying that Chinese sovereignty is not sufficiently recognised. The reply was the retort courteous, sufficiently courteous at all events,—"sovereignty" implies responsibility, and Great Britain ("India" ought to have been the word), has not spent a million sterling for nothing." Furthermore there was a gentle intimation that our troops would continue to occupy the Chumbi Valley for seventy-five years if the indemnity is paid at the rate of a lakh of rupees per annum. A hundred years will not be considered too long if the Tibetans desire more time and are desirous of being charged interest on an overdue account.

Chinese sovereignty! Let us see how Chinese sovereignty has displayed itself in recent days. Before sending out Colonel Younghusband's Mission, we appealed to the Chinese Resident when Lord Curzon's letters were returned to him unopened. And the despatch to the Secretary of State said: "We do not desire to conceal from your lordship our opinion that negotiations with the Chinese Resident—although they now have the sanction of long usage and although the attempts that have so far been made to open direct communication with the Tibetan authorities have resulted in failure—are not likely to be productive of any serious result." The Chinese Resident pleaded his inability to put any pressure on the Tibetan authorities. And the Government of India then wrote: "We regard the so-called suzerainty of China over Tibet as a constitutional fiction—a political affectation which has only been maintained because of its convenience to both parties. China is always ready to break down the barriers of ignorance and obstruction, and to open Tibet to the civilising influences of trade, but her pious wishes are defeated by the short-sighted stupidity of the lamas. In the same way, Tibet is only too anxious to meet our advances, but she is prevented from so doing by the despotic veto of the suzerain. This solemn farce has been re-enacted with a frequency that never seems to deprive it of its attractions or its powers to impose." Thus it will be seen we have always recognised Chinese sovereignty—as we do now—at its true value. Did Russia recognise Chinese sovereignty when it sent its Missions to Lhassa? Did it seek and obtain Chinese permission? It denied that the Mission had either political or diplomatic passport. Yet the "China Times" was able to publish the text of a draft Agreement of twelve articles, in one of which China was asked to relinquish her entire interest in Tibet, with all privileges and benefits, to Russia, in exchange for Russian support and assistance in maintaining the Chinese Empire. In another article it was to be agreed that Russia should "hereafter establish Government officers in Tibet and central Tibetan affairs"—all this because the Chinese Government was "conscious that China's power is weakening." July 1902 was the date of that document. Yet in October 1904 we are upbraided with neglect to recognise sufficiently the sovereignty of China.

German influence on American opinion will effect very little. The "Tribune" voices it very plainly when it said: "Russia, which sought to impose upon China a Treaty giving her a monopoly of the foreign relations with the northern half of the Chinese Empire, cannot object to England seeking similar relations with Tibet on a scale so much smaller. In France it is recognised that our object is to prevent Tibet falling under the protectorate of another Power rather than becoming subject to the Protectorate of England. That impression, says the "Debats," is confirmed by the recognition of the suzerainty of China and by the fact that the English are only to occupy the Chumbi Valley, temporarily, until the Tibetans have established the markets stipulated for in the treaty and have paid the indemnity." Austrian opinion, as ventilated by the "Fremdenblatt," "is that the Chinese Government, up to the present, has cared very little about the administration of Tibet and even the protection she nominally extended over the country had been reduced to a mere nothing." The text of the Treaty, it must be remembered, has not yet been published. We have an unauthorised version which the "Times" received via Peking in which Chinese sovereignty appears to be adequately acknowledged in the very preamble. The version may be correct or only approximately so. On it, however, the foreign press based its criticisms and on it too the native Chinese organ, published under the protection of the German Legation at Peking took the lead in condemning it, both with prejudice and ignorance. That there was an outburst of ill-concealed envy in Russia at our "undeniable success which will reverberate throughout Asia" is not to be wondered at or complained of. Still Russia acknowledged that the Treaty had only been concluded "ad referendum" and contented itself with the belief that China being the suzerain of Tibet, the Treaty would be null and void without its assent. So much we will admit to be true, and attach as much importance to that suzerainty as Russia does herself—perhaps more. But the action of the German Minister must not be regarded as signifying more than it does—the desire to curry favour with Russia and another evidence of the insincerity of professed friendliness towards England.

INDIA AND THE AMIR.

IT is three years since the Amir Habibullah succeeded to the throne of his father Abdur Rahman, and the opportunity for a direct interchange of views between his Highness and a representative of the Government of India only now presents itself. It has been understood that, since his accession, the Amir has desired an interview with Lord Curzon, but obstacles presented themselves in the shape of intrigues in the royal family which threatened the security of his rule, while in India there was the Delhi Durbar and other matters of importance to engross the attention of the Government. The Amir has adjusted the differences which troubled him at home, and has so far secured his position against any further danger from Umar Khan and his mother that he has been able to turn his attention to the defences of Afghanistan and the strengthening of the alliance with England. He will not visit Calcutta, as seemed at one time likely, but he will send his son, Inayet Ullakhan, to meet Lord Curzon on his return to India. Meanwhile, a mission headed by Mr. Louis Dane, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India proceeds to Kabul to discuss with the Amir the questions on which an interchange of views is desired. These involve political and commercial considerations. There are the questions represented by the British subsidy which has been untouched for some years, and there are the tariffs which his Highness has imposed against British Indian trade. That his Highness is now prepared to discuss these matters is a gratifying sign of his desire to improve the relations of Afghanistan with Great Britain, for which we need not seek any other explanation than the events of the present year. The course of Russia's war with Japan has been closely followed by the Amir who arranged to be supplied daily with accounts of the progress of the campaign. That the moral of the war has not been lost upon Habibullah is indicated by the Amir's decision to increase the regular army by thirty thousand men and to fortify Herat. The latter work is to be carried out under the supervision of the Governor of Khandahar—an indication that the strengthening of the defences is directed against any possible aggression by Russia. The events in Tibet also undoubtedly have not been without their effect upon the mind of his Highness. It is, moreover, not improbable that the decision to come to an understanding with the Indian Government on matters in abeyance has been to some extent influenced by the good offices of an Indian Army Surgeon. It is but following the natural workings of the mind of an Oriental Monarch to assume that, when Major Bird doctored and made whole the wounded hand of the Amir Habibullah, he helped to smooth the way for the diplomatic Mission which his Highness is preparing to receive. By the time Mr. Dane reaches Kabul, another and an unofficial party of Britishers will have reached the Afghan capital as a direct result of Major Bird's services; and while British doctors keep the Amir and the royal family in health, the probability of serious difficulty with Afghanistan will be by so much reduced. It is an interesting point to consider how much of the doubt, occasioned during the closing days of Abdul Rahman and the early days of his successor, was due to the absence in Kabul of a successor to Dr. Gray. That deficiency is, however, now to be remedied. The accident of an unexpected gun explosion and the pain of an injured hand brought home to the Amir his dependence on outside help. To an imaginative Oriental the wound and its cure would present an effective moral. Afghanistan may import European arms and may strengthen her defences, but without the Power behind her how long may she stand? Thus we conclude that the Amir's reception of British doctors is to be accepted equally with the fact of the diplomatic Mission as a guarantee of the anxiety of his Highness to preserve amicable relations with Great Britain.

A USEFUL PLANT.

THE annatto-dye plant ("Bixa Orellana") has been taken as the subject of one of the recent issues of the "Agricultural Ledger" from which we are able to cull several interesting facts regarding the history of the plant. The parts of India with rainfall suited to its cultivation are Lower Bengal, Dacca, Mymensingh, almost all Assam, the hill regions over Orissa, the Burmese Coast, and North Burma, the coast south of Bombay and the lower hills of Southern India. Except for the coast south of Bombay there is evidence that the plant exists in all parts of India suited to it, but the pink-flowered form seems to be the better kind and it is not always the one already growing. When Columbus discovered America, annatto-dye was used by the fierce Caribs as war paint. It is now employed chiefly to colour butter and cheese, in pharmacy for colouring some ointments and to a less extent as a dye for silk, calico, wool, sheep-skins, feathers, wax, ivory, bone etc., and in the paint industry. The commonest tints which it is used to give are yellows—such as the primrose and cowslip yellows of butter and cheese, but it can also be made to give reds. the Caribs used to make their faces and bodies crimson with it. The markets for it now are chiefly in Europe and North America, and the chief countries supplying it are Brazil, French Guiana or Cayenne, the French West Indies, and to a less extent the British West Indies. Ceylon and Madras also send a small quantity of seed to Europe. There are two forms of the plant in India, the one with pink flowers and red pods, the other with white flowers and green pods. In 1895 Sir George Watt instituted an enquiry as to where these two forms occur in India and how. As a result of this enquiry it was ascertained that the white flowered plant may be found in the districts of Murshidabad, Midnapur, and Raniganj, in Bengal. It also occurs about Calcutta and some places of the 24-Perganas. The pink flowered form is to be found in the Northern Shan States, on the Siam border and in the planting districts of Southern India. The neighbourhood of Bangalore of recent years produced most of the seed shipped to England from Madras. Now, however, the trade is moribund from a variety of causes which we have not the space to treat upon. In connection with the cost of annatto seed, it is stated that it can be sold cheaper in London than in the districts of India.

H. M. S. REDBREAST, Lieut.-Commander H. C. Somerville, R. N., sailed yesterday for the Persian Gulf.

THE Bank of Bombay yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 5 per cent.

THE Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab will open the waterworks at Amritsar in the third week in November.

THE despatches dealing with the Report of the Police Commission and the territorial redistribution in Bengal will probably be sent Home before the Government of India leave Simla next month.

THE Government of India have decided, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, that the profit on the coinage of rupees and the amount creditable on that account to the Gold Reserve Fund shall not in future be included in the revenue of the year and in the expenditure chargeable to revenue. With effect from the 1st April 1904 the net profit will be credited only under the head of deposits and advances, the subsequent transactions relating to its remittance and investment being shown as at present in the same part of the accounts.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending 18th October was 620, giving a death-rate of 41·54 per annum per thousand as against 35·91 the corresponding period of last year, and 48·18 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 43 died from fevers; 68, plague; 3, small-pox; 2, measles; 3, cholera; 1, leprosy; 62, phthisis; 51, diseases of the nervous system; 156, affections of the respiratory organs; 29, diarrhœa; 13, dysentery; 53, still-born; 108, old age and debility; 10, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 32; Brahmin, 21; Lingaet, 3; Bhattia, 10; Hindu of other caste, 303; Hindu low caste, 81; Musalman, 118; Parsee, 26; Jew, 3; Native Christian, 21; Eurasian, 0; European, 2; Negro-African, 0; Buddhist, 0; other and unknown castes, 0. The total number of births was 440 as against 398, the corresponding period of last year, and 329, the average over the past five years.

MR. SEDDON has introduced a bill prohibiting the exportation of Maori antiquities from New Zealand, under a penalty of £100. Another new measure of "King Dick's," the Trade Monopolies Prevention Bill, is aimed at the American Tobacco Company.

MR. WINSLOW, of Riparia, Washington, United States, has invented a one-man flying machine, or aeroplane, which has a bicycle underneath. To start the machine, and soar into the air the aeronaut sits on the bicycle and propels it until the aeroplane rises.

MR. G. P. O. SPRINGFIELD, who was nominated for a commission by Lord Roberts when serving as a private in Colonel Lumsden's Indian Horse during the late war has been specially promoted from subaltern in the 3rd Dragoon Guards to a captaincy in the Queen's Bays. He has only had four years' service.

PROFESSOR BOTTS, another American, has also invented a new flying machine on the aeroplane principle. The aeroplane, or supporting surface, is circular, and 62 feet in circumference, or over 20 feet in diameter. A hole in the centre makes room for the car, motor, and uplifting helices, which work on a horizontal uplifting plane. Fore and aft are two propelling helices working vertically.

THE cultivation of the camphor-tree proceeds apace in Ceylon. But it has to be remembered, in connection with the fact that it grows best in high places, where the tea-plant also flourishes, that even one single camphor-leaf finding its way in among the plucked tea-leaves is enough to entirely spoil a large quantity of tea. It is easily understood, then, that the camphor-tree is not a favorite among tea-planters, and they do not welcome its growers on their hills.

THE first pack of hounds has appeared in the East African Protectorate. The Nairobi Hunt pack, which was formed only in the early part of this year, consists at present of six couples, says the "Sportsman." One run was probably unique in the annals of foxhunting. Hounds went away on a hot scent until the horsemen suddenly came upon the quarry, which turned out to be not a fox, but a full-grown lioness! The hounds were quickly whipped off, and the lioness made away at a fast pace.

THERE is, a correspondent writes, no foundation for the report that the flat-topped cap at present in use for most branches of the rank and file of the Army, is about to be done away with. It is certainly the most comfortable, and sensible, piece of headgear that has been worn by Mr. Atkins and his predecessors for many years, and there is no evidence that it is unpopular in the infantry, or that it is considered as being a deterrent to recruiting. It is, however, tentatively decided to add a peak to the cap as to cavalry of the line, as already is the case with the Household cavalry.

THE Church Missionary Society have in hand an attractive entertainment for us. A cinematograph operator has gone to India for a five months' tour in charge of a missionary. The operator's mission is to collect a series of pictures to show how dreadful the unchristianised Indian is. There are to be Parsee funerals "showing the vultures waiting to pounce down upon the bodies." Examples of native self-torture will be illustrated, as, for instance, a native hanging head downwards from a tree and swinging himself over a fire. This really beats anything Mr. Fairchild ever did for the edification of his family. How Budge and Toddy would have enjoyed the "bluggy" horror of it, writes a home critic.

RISE OF A NEGRO REPUBLIC.

SIR H. JOHNSTON'S VISIT TO LIBERIA.

SIR HARRY H. JOHNSTON has just returned to England on the conclusion of a journey to Liberia, undertaken partly with a view to ascertaining the possibility of the development of the resources of the negro Republic and partly for the purpose of studying on the spot the frontier question with France, which has become somewhat acute.

Speaking of his journey to a representative of Reuter, Sir Harry said:

"I visited the whole of the coast line of Liberia, and made several journeys into the interior, and both from my own experience and from the accounts I received from the hinterland I came to the conclusion that there has been much progress since I was in the country in the eighties."

Turning to the frontier question, Sir Harry Johnston remarked:

"The only cloud on the political horizon at the present moment is the frontier question with France. A joint Commission has already finished the delimitation of the boundary between Liberia and Sierra Leone."

At the beginning of the present year, the Liberian Republic, having settled the frontier question with England was anxious to have its northern and eastern boundary fixed by accord with France on the terms of the 1892 treaty. But a hitch has occurred owing to the desire of the Colonial party in France to make use of this local delimitation of the frontier for the diminution of Liberian territory. No justification whatever can be shown for such a procedure other than the right of the strongest and the total inability on the part of Liberia to resist by force any French aggression. But the aspirations of the Colonial party in France and the Acts of the responsible Ministry of that country are, fortunately, different things.

The terms on which the frontier is defined in the 1892 Treaty are so clear as to admit of no doubt under any honest interpretation. Liberia, therefore, is confident that the direct appeal she has made to the generosity and sense of Justice on the part of the mighty Republic of France will suffice for the latter to direct the limitation of the frontier between her West African possessions and the territories of this little Negro State in a fair manner, and according to the terms of the Treaty to which France set her hand in 1892.

Of late years the Americo-Liberians have made such decided efforts to create a peaceful and prosperous Negro Republic in this part of West Africa on friendly terms with the rest of the world, and yet a place in which the nergo may show under his own Government what he is capable of in the way of civilization, that American and British philanthropists who have watched this scheme for years could not but view with great bitterness any attempt on the part of the Colonial Party in France to take advantage of Liberia's weakness to snip off portions of her hinterland.

The principal trade interests in this country are in the hands of British, German, and Dutch companies.

British interests, of course, are considerable, as apart from the British companies at work in Liberia, there is the fact that Liberia and Sierra Leone march with one another, and numbers of Sierra Leone men come to work in Liberia, while Liberian subjects (such as Krumen) not only go to Sierra Leone, but to most other parts of British West Africa for employment. The Liberian hinterland also must be in the future the district which will justify and feed the Sierra Leone railways towards the interior.

THE PARIS OF WEST AFRICA.

It is a pity that this little cloud has arisen on the horizon, because elsewhere in West Africa there is a growing chorus of praise as to the attitude which France is assuming towards the outer world in the development of her West African possessions. Gradually she is departing from a policy of differentiation in favour of unrestricted trade. She is actually welcoming British traders, and, above all, British steamers, at her ports. Indeed, not a few English captains compare favourably the treatment they receive from the French Customs and the other authorities in French West Africa with that which they allege is characteristic of certain other possessions in West Africa. Konakry has become the principal town, the Paris, the mart of West Africa. It is now to all intents and purposes the capital of French West Africa.

The vigour with which the French are developing the lands on either side of the narrow British Colony of the Gambia will make it possible some day that against a quid pro quo we may extend French access to the Gambia River. But any such friendly feelings on the part of British politicians or British traders would certainly be nipped in the bud if the Colonial party in France got the upper hand and the Government of that country were guilty of a wanton aggression on the territory of a friendly and helpless little State like Liberia, which is doing its very best to live at peace within its own borders and with its neighbours, and to give the negro a chance of developing a reasonable civilization of his own, without in any way running counter to its responsibilities as a member of the comity of independent States.

Dealing with the influence of the Americo-Liberians in the country, Sir Harry added:

Liberia was first conceived of in America as a solution of the problem where to repatriate freed slaves.

The settlers originally came mainly from the United States, but afterwards there set in a certain stream of West Indian immigration which has resulted in the establishment of a good many families of West Indian negro descent in this country, and from this rather superior negro stock have arisen not a few notable men, such as the Hon. Arthur Barclay, the actual President of the Republic, who was born in the British Island of Barbados.

From an informal census which I have been compiling out of all the information I can collect I do not think that the actual number of Americo-Liberians in this Republic much exceeds 12,000; but their influence over the tribes of the interior is steadily increasing, and is being continually directed towards the opening up of trade and the maintenance of peace. On the other hand, the indigenous negro population of the Republic cannot be much less than two millions. Some estimates place it at 2,150,000; others, however, reduce it as low as 1,800,000. About 300,00 out of this total belong to the fine Mandingo type, who are remarkable for their sobriety, intelligence, and stalwart physical development. They should be a very important factor in the development of the resources of Liberia, and it was a pleasure to me to see them and their chiefs coming to the capital, Monrovia, and submitting their disputes and other important questions to the consideration of the Liberian President.

ENGLISH SPOKEN EVERYWHERE.

The way in which the Liberian Government is spreading the use of English amongst even the tribes of the far interior is remarkable. There is scarcely any important tribe or chief that has not at least several persons able to converse in intelligible English and act consequently as interpreters. Europeans are able now to penetrate this country in almost any direction without fear of difficulty with the natives, who are well disposed towards the white man. For myself, I can only repeat with emphasis that I found the Americo-Liberians a people most easy to get on with—polite, quiet, and in some instances well educated, and well acquainted with all that was going on in the great world beyond.

With regard to commercial prospects there is a great future before the rubber trade of Liberia, as the whole country is one great rubber-producing forest. The celebrated Liberian coffee not only grows wild in the forests (to which it is indigenous), but is also being extensively cultivated by the Americo-Liberians in the Montserrado country. These forests, of almost unexampled extent and density, contain valuable timbers, dye-woods, and drugs, which are already coming into use in our pharmacopœia. The oil palm is also exceedingly abundant. As a matter of fact it was from Liberia first of all that oil palm kernels were exported to Europe in the middle of the nineteenth century. There is a good deal of ivory in the interior where elephants seem to be abundant. Cacao is being increasingly planted and thrives remarkably well. So also does cotton which is represented by a variety with a long staple.

RUSSIAN DISASTER.

BATTALION CUT UP.

LULL IN THE STRIFE.

PORT ARTHUR SIEGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, OCTOBER 19.

General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese attempted to recapture Lone Tree Hill on the night of the 17th instant, but were repulsed.

There has been no other fighting, as the heavy rains have rendered the roads impassable.

The Baltic Squadron is now passing the Great Belt.

General Sakharoff reports that the Japanese are concentrating at Linshinpu, west of the Railway.

A detachment of Chasseurs, reconnoitring last night in the vicinity of Shahopu, captured two Japanese guns.

The Russians had no losses.

Marshal Oyama reports that the Russians have been beaten at Pensihu and are retreating north-eastward.

The Russians on Monday night made several assaults on the Japanese Centre which were all repulsed.

To-day there have been only occasional artillery exchanges.

The German Red Cross Society announces that the Russian Red Cross Society having asked for further assistance, it will erect a hospital at Irkutsk and equip an ambulance train. It has offered similar assistance to Japan.

LONDON, OCTOBER 20.

The "Standard's" correspondent with General Kuroki says that a Russian battalion which crossed the Taitscho has been almost annihilated. The Japanese cavalry overtook and mowed them down with machine guns while re-crossing the river on a pontoon.

Reuter's correspondent with General Oku says the Japanese armies 15 miles north of the starting point are resting and probably will not move for several days.

Reuter (Tokio) says the Russians have halted and are entrenching immediately in front of the Japanese positions at a distance of six hundred to a thousand metres..

Japan has protested against the Russian troops using Chinese costumes and declares the combatants are not properly uniformed and violate the laws of war.

Mr. S. Hayashi, Cousul for Japan in Bombay received the following telegram yesterday morning from his Government :—

On Tuesday Marshal Oyama reported: In the direction of the Right army, the enemy seems to be gradually decreasing in force, and only a small detachment is continuing in activity. The enemy beaten at Penshsiho is retreating towards the north-east. In the direction of the Central army, the enemy last night made assaults, but all were repulsed, and to-day there was only occasional exchange of cannonade. In front of the Left army the enemy was occasionally sending indirect fire.

Colombo telegrams, dated October 20, state :—

The first Japanese train has arrived at Liao-yang, bringing quantities of ammunition and telegraph and railway supplies. Thousands of coolies are employed completing the fortifications on the northern side as a precaution against an ultimate attack by the enemy.

Other evidences point that Marshall Oyama is engaged in thoroughly securing the conquered positions.

Advices from St. Petersburg state that the Grand Duke Nicholavitch has declined the post of Commander-in-Chief of the field forces in Manchuria.

French advices state that the Czar has telegraphed to General Kuropatkin, appointing him generalissimo of the Russian forces.

It is stated at Vladivostock that General Kuropatkin is very ill, and has been unable personally to command the Russian forces since the fall of Liao-yang.

Details have reached Europe concerning the latest effort to capture Port Arthur by storm. A terrific, concentrated hail of shells has caused the destruction of the redoubts which protected the waterworks near Fort Kuropatkin, the Russian garrison being compelled to withdraw behind the main fortifications.

A series of assaults upon a Muscovite position on a high hill was preceded in each case by a heavy bombardment. The determination of the besiegers to take possession of the hill amounted to fanaticism.

For four days the fighting went on unceasingly. The Russians estimate that the Japanese losses in slain and wounded totalled ten thousand. At one stage of the struggle a battalion of infantry, while retreating along the valley, was exposed to a tremendous fire of Russian shrapnel, and almost annihilated.

Eventually the besiegers drove the Muscovites from the hill, and mounted upon it a field gun and two machine guns behind a hastily constructed barrier. Their tenure of the stronghold, however, was insecure, owing to a hot fire of shells, poured from the main fortress.

Consequent upon the serious losses among the regular troops which the garrison sustained, General Stoessel has engaged volunteers from among the available civilians at Port Arthur. A body of these men, provided with hand grenades, made a daring and successful attempt to oust the Japanese from the eminence. They stormed the position with grenades, which effectively exploded and turned the tide of the battle. The slopes of the high hill were littered with mangled corpses.

The Chinese afterwards buried, in one trench, three hundred Japanese and two hundred Muscovites.

The water-supply at the naval base is now cut off, and the garrison and other inhabitants are suffering sorely through the shortage of fresh water.

Under the direction of General Stoessel the live-stock in the fortress is carefully conserved for purposes of food. Thirty donkeys are slaughtered daily, and their flesh retailed at five shillings per pound. Eggs are selling at tenpence each.

The Japanese destroyers are patrolling the Chinese coast off Tientsin and Chifu,, to intercept French vessels, suspected of attempting to run the blockade into Port Arthur. A great gale was reported to be raging at Port Arthur.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

Diplomatic Mission to Kabul.

AN EARLY DEPARTURE.

LONDON, OCTOBER 19.

The following is official :—Since the accession of the Amir Habibullah Khan, there has been no opportunity for the discussion of general topics between His Highness and a representative of the Government of India. The Amir has now proposed to send his eldest son to meet Lord Curzon on his return to India and will receive at Kabul an Official from the Government of India authorised to discuss with His Highness questions concerning his relations with the British Government. The officer deputed for the purpose will proceed to Kabul at the end of November.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCTOBER 20.

Mr. Louis Dane, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, goes in charge of the Mission to Kabul which starts about the 25th proximo. The exact composition of the remainder of the Mission is not yet settled, but the party will be a small one, and the arrangements will be very similar to those of Sir Mortimer Durand's Mission to Kabul.

It is quite impossible to say how long the Mission will last, as all depends upon the progress of negotiations, but it is, by no means, unlikely that the Mission will be back in a couple of months. Mr. Fraser, Deputy Secretary in the Foreign Department probably acts as Secretary during Mr. Dane's absence, Mr. E. H. S. Clarke who accompanied the Durand Mission most likely officiating for Mr. Fraser. No press correspondents are to accompany the Mission.

The Amir's son, who is to meet Lord Curzon in India, is Inayat Ullakhan, an intelligent youth of sixteen. The date of his visit to India, of course, depends upon that of Lord Curzon's arrival, but it cannot well take place before the middle of December.

The most powerful man in the Court of the Amir of Kabul has hitherto been Sardar Kudus Khan, whose great ability is generally acknowledged. He is an Afghan of the Afghans, and his whole aim is to make the country strong to resist invasion from whatever side it may come. He has probably had much to say to the strengthening of the army and to the experimental enlistment of tribesmen, such as the Afridis, though he has no direct concern with the military administration. His influence is, however, threatened by the appearance on the scene of the Luinalb, one of the refugees in India whom His Highnese Habibullah Khan has recalled to Kabul. The Luinalb is, in his turn, a man of pronounced force of character, but we have yet to see how far his ambition extends. In these two officers the Amir has at least, councillors who will support him in his policy of armed preparation, and it remains for His Highness to induce them to work together, says the "Pioneer."

EUROPEANS FOR KABUL.

MEDICAL AID FOR THE AMIR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCTOBER 20.

Major Cleveland, I. M. S., from Poona, who is proceeding to Kabul as Surgeon to the Amir is now at Simla. The party accompanying him includes Mr. Finlayson, Engineer of the firm of Messrs. Burn and Co., Calcutta, Mrs. Cleveland, Miss Brown, a lady doctor from Agra, a lady doctor and Dr. Gholam Nabbi, late Assistant Surgeon at Bhawalpur. They start immediately, the Amir providing an escort for them on crossing the frontier at Landikotal. Their mission is entirely unofficial, Major Cleveland being merely lent by the Government of India and the others proceeding upon their own account.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TIBET EXPEDITION'S RETURN.

The Force Snow-Bound.

THE CHUMBI VALLEY OCCUPATION.

LONDON, OCTOBER 20.

Reuter's correspondent wires from Pharijong on the 17th instant, "the last column of the Tibet force with the head-quarters is snow-bound here. The drifts have obliterated the road. Two men have died from exposure."

The India Office denies that the occupation of the Chumbi Valley will continue 75 years.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCTOBER 20.

A telegram from General Macdonald dated Pharijong 16 October states :—A snow storm recommonced at 9 p. m. last night and about 2 feet of snow fell by 7 a. m. and up till noon. The snow is still falling steadily at the rate of about an inch an hour. It was therefore quite impossible to move the camp to-day as all landmarks are obscured and drifts are very deep, also men and animals are much exhausted. After yesterday's march a great many tents were broken down by the weight of the snow during the night.

There need be no anxiety about our position as we have our days' supplies for men and animals Heavy snow is reported both from Gyantse and Cumbi which will probably affect the Nathula and Jelapla.

The last body of troops marching back from Gyantse to Cumbi underwent great hardships while crossing the Tang Pass on the 17th instant. They had to struggle through a blizzard with heavy snowfall, lasting nearly ten hours. The storm did serious damage to the telegraph line.

THE DEAD SPANISH PRINCESS.

THE LYING-IN-STATE.

CROWDS CHARGED BY POLICE.

CALCUTTA, OCTOBER 20.

The "Englishman's" London correspondent, wiring under date the 19th October says :—There was a panic outside the Royal Palace, Madrid, at the lying-in-state of the Princess of Asturias. The crowds outside got out of control, the police charged them with their sabres, and many were injured.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

DESTROYERS IN COLLISION.

Three Vessels Damaged.

LONDON, OCT. 19.

A telegram from Gibraltar says that the destroyers, Boxer and Ardent when leaving the Moorish coast yesterday morning for the Gibraltar manœuvres, collided badly and were damaged. The destroyer Dragon was also damaged after collision with a local steamer.

LADY CURZON'S ILLNESS.

Lord Curzon's Return.

Lady Curzon has passed a comfortable day and maintained her ground.

Henceforth only an evening bulletin will be issued.

It is officially stated that owing to Lady Curzon's health, Lord Curzon has postponed his return to India till the end of November.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, OCT. 20.

Lord Curzon leaves for India at the end of November.

THE AMERICA CUP.

CALCUTTA, OCT. 20.

A "Statesman" cable states that Sir T. Lipton has been unable to prevail upon Mr. Watson or Mr. Fife to design another challenger. It is believed that in consequence his intention to race next autumn has been abandoned.

HISTORY OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN INDIA.

SIMLA, OCTOBER 20.

A Blue Book containing the usual histories of Railway projects, including tramways, corrected up to June last is published over the signature of Mr. Hodson, officiating Secretary to the Government of India P. W. D. Railways. It shows, in convenient form, the new lines to be taken up as funds permit, the branch lines offered for construction or undertaken and new Railways commenced. A note in the preface points out that in case of concessions given on an absolute guarantee for the construction of a line, the total capital expenditure is to be included in the Government of India programme of Railway construction and not, as has been supposed, merely the amount of the guarantee for which Government are liable.

LORD KITCHENER'S CUPS FOR THE ARMY.

An Indian Army Order is published announcing that Lord Kitchener will present cups to the best [illegible] in India with, in case of British Corps, a duplicate cup for Sergeants mess and in that of Indian Corps a special badge to be worn by non-commissioned officers. The arrangement comes into force this year that the testing is to be conducted by a system of marks-giving for each subject of training.

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

There were 16,111 plague deaths in India last week against 16,491 in the previous seven days. Bombay city reports 67 ; Bombay presidency 9,801 ; Karachi 11 : Madras presidency 426 ; Calcutta 2 ; Bengal 193 ; The United Provinces 1,248 ; the Punjab 345 ; the Central Provinces and Berar 552 ; Mysore 852 ; Coorg one ; Hyderabad State 547 ; Central India 1,616 ; Rajputana 424 and Kashmir 26.

P. W. D. POSTINGS.

The under mentioned officers are on their return from leave posted as follows :—

Mr. Morse, Executive Engineer, to officiate as Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.

Mr. T. Gregson District Locomotive Superintendent, is transferred from the North-Western to the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway.

Mr. Coutts, Executive Engineer, is posted to the North-Western Railway.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The 15th Carnatic Light Infantry are to be mustered out immediately. A second battalion to the 6th Gurkhas will probably be raised to replace it.

It is probable that the troops employed in Somaliland will receive the African General service medal with special claps.

The remainder of the 101st Grenadiers, 107th Pioneers, and Mounted Infantry, now in Somaliland will probably leave Berbera on the 15th November.

The Chitral relieved troops left Drosh on their march to India on the 17th instant, all well.

ARRIVALS, OCTOBER 19.

Captain Chitty, Staff, from England.
Lieut H Holderness 1st Goorkhas, from England.
Lieut J E Cadell, 45th Sikhs, from England.
Lieut T R Ubsdell, R F A., from England.
Lieut R Seymour, 3rd Hussars, from England.
Lieut-Colonel W A Mawson, I M S, from England.
Major F L Sharp, 30th Battery, R F A, from England.
Captain A B Longden, R S Officer, from England.
Major G B Smith, Staff, from England ;
Major General H A Abbott, I S C, from England.
Major J H Brannigan, R A M Corps, from Aulalla.

DEPARTURES, OCTOBER 19.

Captain J. W. Lightfoot, 8th Rajputs, to England.
Captain S. Lethbridge, Ordnance Dept., to Calcutta.
Captain E. S. Hill Roy, Fusiliers, to England.
Lieut. S. H. Charrington, 15th Hussars, to England.
Major Scudamore, R. S. Fusiliers, to Allahabad,
Captain E. G. Sexton, 1st Lancers, to Jhansi.
Lieut. C. R. Tidswell, the Royal Dragoons, to Lucknow.
Major R. T. Moore, Royal Artillery to Bolarum.
Lt.-Colonel W. J. A. Beatson, R. F. A. to Jhansi.
Major A. H. Hussey, R. H. A., to Lucknow.
Lieut. W. F. Parsons, R. H A., to Meerut.
Lieut. Hon. O. H. Stanley R. H. A., to Lucknow.
Bt. Lt.-Colonel L. G. Henshaw, R. F. A., to Jhansi.
Captain G. Knowles 2nd Lancers, to Fyzabad.
Lieut C C Armitage, R F A, to Lucknow.
Lieut A Mellor, R F A, to Agra.
Lieut P E Hardwick, Royal Dragoons, to Lucknow.
Lt-Colonel F A Blyth, 10th Lancers to Cawnpore.
Lieut C G Hoare, 29th C I Horse, to Agar.
Lieut A C B Mackinnon, 9th Gurkha Rifles, to Lansdowne.
Captain H L Nevill, R F A, to Agra.
2nd-Lieut O R Fitzgerald, Northumberland Fusiliers to Lucknow.
Captain F MacLennan, R A M Corps, to Lucknow.
Captain Myatt, North Stafford Regiment, to Dagshai.
Captain Chitty, Staff, to Kohat.
Lieut H Holderness, 1st Gurkha Rifles to Dharamsala.
Lieut J G Cadell, 45th Sikhs, to Dera Ismail Khan.
Captain A B Longden, R S Officer, to Jullundur.
Lt-Colonel G Wilson, R A M Corps, to Ferozepore.
Major G B Smith, Staff, to Dalhousie.
Major H B Matheæ, R A M Corps, to Rawal Pindi.

POONA REGATTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, OCT. 20.

The members of the Royal Connaught Boat Club organised a scratch regatta which came off this afternoon at Rosherville. Inspite of the Hockey, the attendance was fair. There were five events and good entries. The band of the 107th Pioneers was in attendance.

The first race, the Canoe race unfortunately fell through.

The second race was the Dog race for members ; Dogs to go across the river. Amonst those who started were Captain Boileau's Sapper ; Miss Ball's spaniels, Captain Montressor's bull terrier ; Colonel Fooks' Scamp and Major Brownrigg's Lass. Won by Colonel Fook's Scamp, Sapper being second and Lass third. All took a good start. The dogs were encouraged by the owners and made great efforts to get across the stream and afforded good amusement The course was taken opposite the bank.

The third race was the Children's Race. 300 yards. Two Boats competed. Miss Dorothy Fooks, Miss Grace Lee Horwood (Cox) and Colonel Fooks, the second boat being of Miss Lee Horwood, Miss May Lee Horwood (Cox) and Captain Carey. Two boats competed. The former took the lead and won easily by two lengths.

The fourth race was challenge eights. Distance half a mile. Kirkee versus Poona. The former were composed of Mr. Tillard (Bow) Colonel Fooks, Captain Carey, Captain Neovet, Captain Parry, Mr. Sarson, Mr. Lewis, Captain Boileau (stroke), Miss Peile (Cox) ; the latter were formed of Mr. Stewart (Bow) Harkness Allott, Captain Duyar, Captain Montressor, Captain Northern, Captain Sadler (stroke) and Miss Northern (Cox). Both went level at the start. Kirkee rather rowing strong, at the half distance, took a clear lead, but nearing home Poona made a good effort and was just beaten by half a length.

The fifth race was Double Sculls. Distance half a mile. Captains Dogan and Webb (Cox) Miss. Moore versus Colonel Fooks and Captain Boileau (Cox) Miss Dorothy Fooks, Two boats entered. The former won by half a length.

After the races were over the prizes which were laid on a table were distributed by Mrs. Fooks.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

POONA GYMKHANA vs. 93RD HIGHLANDERS.

The semi-final tie in connection with the Aga Khan Hockey tournament was played this afternoon between Poona and 93rd Highlanders. The attendance was very large and the game was an interesting one. At the start the Gymkhana commenced to attack and within ten minutes of play scored their first goal. Hall then scored the second one. Two corners followed and the Highlanders were afforded a great chance, but the Gymkhana goal-keeper saved it grandly. Yates then scored the third goal for the Gymkhana. In the second half the Highlanders played a good game ; in fact it looked as if the tables were about to turn, but luck appeared to be in favour of the Gymkhana who added two more goals, whilst the Highlanders scored one. The game was won by the Poona Gymkhana by five goals to one. Result :—

Poona Gymkhana .....5 Goals.
93rd Highlanders .....1 Goal.

CRICKET AT POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA vs. BISHOP'S HIGH SCHOOL.

A cricket match, Poona Gymkhana versus Bishop's High School was played to-day on the visitors by 38 runs. Some tall scoring was made by both the teams, specially by Mr. Dunne, Head Master of the School, who made 80 runs whilst Mr. Henry of the Gymkhana made 55. The following are the scores :—

POONA GYMKHANA.

Mr Wilkins, c and b Brewin	5
Hon'ble Butler c Luxa b Carvalho	28
Capt Rose b Carvalho	33
Mr Henry b Pitt	55
Captain Umfreville, b Kelly	27
Mr Hartley, b Carvalho	19
Colonal Stevens, c Luxa, b Brewin	6
Mr Thew c Pitt b Brewin	0
Capt Hooper, not out	7
Aga Bagar Shah, b Carvalho	0
Mr Green, b Brewin	5
Extras	51
Total	241

BISHOP'S HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr Dunne, b Wilkins	90
Brewin, b Wilkins	11
Clifford, b Steven	0
Cody, c Stevens, b Wilkins	3
Dubois, b Wilkins	6
Mackenzie, c Hartley, b Wilkins	1
Luxa b Wilkins	25
Carvalho, c Henry, b Wilkins	16
Kelly, b Hartley	12
Sells, b Hartley	0
Pitt, not out	0
Extras	25
Total	183

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Caledonia, which is expected to arrive in Bombay to-morrow from Aden, brings the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Morse Mr and Mrs and infant
Sykes Mr R
Routh Mr and Mrs and 2 Misses
Campbell Mrs J S Miss and child
Dring Mr and Mrs W A and 2 children
Campion Mr J A
Mercer Mr and Mrs A W
Birrell Miss L A
McMillan Mr and Mrs and 2 children
Harrington Mr Mrs and 2 children
Spilling Miss
McDowell Mrs N
Pearson Mr J R
Carron Mrs R
Littlehaly Mr and Mrs
Kemble Lt P B
Mitchell Mr C E
Burroughs Mr W G
Edmond Miss
Macdonald Mr and Mrs N
Eade Mr C
Moore Mr C
Evans Mr S
Andrews Miss
Wright Miss
Neve Miss
Burt Mrs
Hogart-Hampden Miss
Allen Major and Mrs St Glenn and infant
Shaw Mr W P
Coverdale Miss
Hammill Mr and Mrs A R
Paterson Miss
Walkoman Miss E
Hudson Mr P B
Lacon Mr P H
Lyon Mr
Jacobs Mr
Phayre Miss
Martin Mr J
Witte Mr W G
Makepeace Mr Sydney
Belte Mr and Mrs

FROM MARSEILLES.

Hobart-Hampden Mr
Coventry Mr E M
Spence Gray Rev and Mrs H F
Lamb Mr W
Roberts Mr C H
Bangster Capt and Mrs P B
Rooksavage Lt the Earl of
Allanson Mr H L
Jones Mr Leslie
Murray Mr S B
Sutherland Miss
Fort Mr J
Peart Mr C L
Hall Capt K S
Gourji Mr and Mrs and 2 children
Oswall Mr and Mrs W W
Trotter Lt G
Craik Mr H D
Kirby Capt S R
Franco Dr P B le
Guttman Mr and Mrs E
Burney Mr and Mrs and infant
Traill Capt W F
Brown Mr M
Pearse Dr F
Galloway Mr F W
Lyon Mrs H
Nelson Mrs
Thompson Mrs D M
Bell-Irving Mr W
Maffey Mr J L
Milne Mr H L
Gonment Mr and Mrs
Sheriff Mr J P
Youngh usband Mrs
McKerber Mr W G
Block Major A H
Simpson Mr R P
Berkelt Rev and Mrs A F
British Mr G S W
Gough Mrs
Rose Mr L M
Mc Whirter Mr J
Henriques Mr Q Q
Boyd Mr D
Anderson Mr and Mrs H A and child
Currie Mrs Dan
Currie 2 Misses
Boggs Rev and Mrs A D and 2 children
Jackman Rev and Mrs
Wilson Miss
Magilton Miss
Beatrice Miss
Stone Miss M D
Fraser Revd J R
Alder Mr W
Woolcombe Col
Clarke Mr E C
Thomson Mr A S
Hulse Mr H
Marriot Mrs C R
Fellingham Mr F V C
Davidson Lt H M
Billock Miss
Finch Major
Branford Mr H
Cayley Mr N
Pickford Mr A D
Smith Mr W P
Aitken Mr E H
Mitchell Mrs W
James Mr W R W
Ditton Mrs
Stubbs Mr and Mrs H E C and infant
Milward Lt C A
Broadway Mr A
Foster Major and Mrs L M

FROM BRINDISI.

Colvin Sir Walter
Boyson Mr J A
Stone Mr J L
Stone Miss L A
Lenner Mr C T
Lenner Mrs
Bell Mr G H

FROM PORT SAID.

Ryan Mr and Mrs F
Bonar Mr J H
Gourlay Mr W R
Francis Miss

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

The services of Mr. C. N. Seddon, I. C. S., are on his return to duty, placed at the disposal of the Government of India in the Foreign Department.

Captain H F Jacob, Assistant Political Agent, First Grade, has been permitted to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. J. V. Cooke, Superintendent of Police, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, is granted privilege leave for fifteen days with effect from the 12th October, or subsequently.

Captain H. J. R. Twigg, M.B., I.M.S., is appointed to be Superintendent, Central Prison, Ahmedabad, continuing to do duty as Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad.

Mr. F. J. Lowman, Probationary Third Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, Satara, passed on the 17th September, an examination in Law.

Mr. A. C. Daniel, Probationary Third Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, Belgaum, passed on the 17th September an examination in Kanarese.

The Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. R E A. Elliott, I. C. S., to do duty as Assistant Judge and Sessions Judge, Khandesh.

The Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be Honorary Presidency Magistrates Bombay, and members of the Benches of Honorary Presidency Magistrates constituted by Government Notification dated the 19th May : Mr. Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, L. M. & S. and Khan Bahadur Abdur Razzak bin Kartas.

The Governor in Council appoints Mr. E. E. Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Ahmedabad, to act as Superintendent of Police, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, during the absence on leave of Mr. J. V. Cooke.

Mr. A. E. Boyd, Superintendent, Preventive Service, passed on 17th September an examination in Law.

Mr. H. C. Mules has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. G. R. Duxbury, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Third Grade, and Divisional Forest Officer, Working Plans, N. C., is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on 29th October in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to one year.

Mr. W. A. Talbot, on return to duty, is appointed Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Mr. H. Murray, on relief, becomes Divisional Forest Officer, Nasik.

Mr. P. E. Aitchison, Assistant Conservator of Forests, S. D. Kanara, passed an examination in Kanarese according to the Lower Standard on 17th September.

Mr. F. J. A. Hill, Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, Bombay, has been allowed an extension of three months' furlough on medical certificate with allowances.

In modification of previous orders, Mr. C. V. Vernon, I. C. S., is appointed to be a Survey Settlement Officer in the Panch Mahals.

Commander N. F. J. Wilson, Royal Indian Marine, Officiating Assistant Port Officer, Bombay, is confirmed in the appointment with effect from the 6th August.

The Reverend M. C. Sanders is appointed Joint Chaplain of Karachi.

The services of the Reverend W. W. Castle, Joint Chaplain of Karachi, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab.

Captain S. H. Burnett, M.B., C.M., I.M.S., resumes his appointment as Civil Surgeon, Karwar.

Lieutenant-Colonel K. S. Nariman, I.M.S., acts as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Western Registration District.

Mr. C. D. A. McIver, Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade, passed on the 16th September an examination in Sindhi.

AHMEDABAD NOTES.

This morning reminded us of the long looked for cold weather, writes an Ahmedabad correspondent under Wednesday's date. The air was distinctly crisp and a welcome change to the stuffy and breathless days that we have had to put up with since the rain deserted us last month. The nights have been unbearable and the heat during the day exceptional. News of more rain having fallen in Bombay, Rajputana and Kathiawar and a heavy sky during the last few days were considered by some as sure signs of more rain, but we have had no more. The temperature to-day is much below what we have been experiencing and I think we are now in for a spell of cold weather for which we are more than thankful.

Mr. Atkins, who left for Broach early in September, has returned, Mr. Kennedy, the Commissioner, having proceeded to England on leave after being here for a week or two only. We welcome Mr Atkins back to Ahmedabad and hope the exigencies of the service will not necessitate his leaving us again as suddenly as in September.

I have heard of no more Motor car accidents. Both cars are going strong, but I don't know which makes the most noise or makes the most dust. I saw one flying along on the Camp Road the other day with a cloud of dust behind it which obscured the car from all recognition.

Cricket is now over, I think it is a great pity that this game is not played up here in the cold weather. In my opinion we ought to be beginning the season now and with a matting wicket should be able to have some good games.

Tennis is in full swing, and for the last few days, the Gentlemen's Singles and the Mixed Double Handicaps have been on. They are still on and will probably form definite shape at the end of this week. I hear that Gentlemen's fours are then to be arranged for and a Badminton Tournament immediately after This has given us all something to talk about and has removed the daily monotonous talk that one is destined to listen to, when there is no excitement of any kind to discuss. Mr. Atkins has very kindly offered a prize to the winners of the Mixed Doubles. We want a few more sporting members to follow suit and offer a prize for the forthcoming Badminton Tournament.

Mrs. Phillips, the wife of our D. S. P., has, as you know, been down with enteric. She is now, I hear, convalescent. Mr. Phillips has naturally had a most trying and anxious time during his wife's illness; he has our sincere congratulations and we trust Mrs. Phillips will be amongst us again shortly. The daily bulletin at the Club was eagerly looked for and there was great satisfaction amongst all on hearing that Mrs. Phillips was out of danger.

THE PILGRIM SEASON.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

A notice issued by the Government of Bombay yesterday, states :—Details have now been arranged with respect to the payment by pilgrims proceeding to the Hedjaz of the cost of their return journey by rail to their homes from the ports of Bombay and Karachi. Coupons, which can be afterwards exchanged for railway tickets, will be issued on payment to pilgrims at special booking offices at Victoria Terminus for the G. I. P. Railway and at Grant Road Station for the B. B. & C. I. Railway and at either place for the N.-W. Railway. Moreover, a coupon for a railway ticket on the G. I. P. or B. B. & C. I. Railway will be available "pro tanto" for exchange for a railway ticket on either on the N.-W. Railway system in the event of a pilgrim deciding to return direct by sea to Karachi ; and vice versa a coupon taken for a return rail journey on the N.-W. Railways will be available for exchange for a railway ticket on either of the two Bombay railway systems. These coupons are to be shown at the Head Police Office, where they will be stamped when pilgrims go there to receive passes for admission to the disinfection shed before proceeding to the Camp at Pir Pao. The Protector of Pilgrims at Bombay and the Collector of Karachi will deal with applications for refund on unused coupons provided that they are presented within nine months of the date of issue.

NOTES FROM PARIS.

Talma and Shakespeare.

PERSECUTION IN THE ARMY.

FRANCE AND THE TRIPLICE.

PARIS, SEPT. 30.

While the Metropolis has arrogated to itself the right of erecting a statue to Waldeck-Rousseau—a proposal that is receiving the support of M. Loubet the Presidents of the two Chambers, and the Ministers of the late Premier's Cabinet—the Provinces are remembering Talma. The great tragedian, though Paris born (somewhere about 1760) passed his boyhood at the little village of Poix, in the Department of the Nord, and it is here where the monument to him is to be unveiled. Talma was the first French actor to play Shakespeare, and a celebrated picture represents him in the role of Hamlet. He was the first also to see the absurdity of the convention that compelled every actor, no matter whether his part was modern or classical, to play in the costume of the Court of Louis XIV. Thus Cæsar appeared on the stage arrayed in the white satin of a court gallant with long hair tied up with bows of ribbon. When Talma substituted the bare arms and toga and the ancient footwear of the Romans in playing Proculus in "Brutus," he scandalised his contemporaries. But it was the day of revolution (1789), and his ideas triumphed. Talma had a perfect command of English, and played in London.

The "Matin" passes for a Ministerial organ, but it has lately been distinguished for a remarkable attack on the methods in vogue with certain of the subordinates of General Andre. All is not for the best in the best of all possible armies, and positively revolting pictures have been drawn of the way in which political favouritism rules the roost. Espionnage of the most hateful sort would appear to exist in the schools, and the young officer who gives vent to opinions contrary to those held by his officers is liable to have his career broken. The author of these articles (M. Charles Laurent) gives names and incidents in support of his allegations. On Sunday he returned to the charge and roundly accused the Colonel commanding a year ago the military school of St Maixent, of the most flagrant acts of injustice towards students for whom he conceived a dislike by reason of their parentage and social connections. One young man, he declares, whose "excellent" notes by the professors at the school could not be completely ignored, was disgraced and humiliated by a monstrous succession of punishments for petty faults. Such was the persecution reigning in the school that the son of a general who had passed in from the non-commissioned ranks refused to continue his military career, a decision of a nature practically unknown in the army, says M. Laurent. Now it is a curious fact that, up to this moment, no official denial of these stories (in which, in every case, the full particulars are given) has been forthcoming, so that they have received a certain "prima facie" evidence of truth. Lieut.-Colonel Rousset, who sits on the Right in the Chamber of Deputies, has promised to interpellate the Minister of War on the reassembling of Parliament ; but the "Matin" repudiates his help. It reminds him, this morning, of his criticism of the march of the army organized by the journal some months ago, in which the Colonel had the imprudence to characterise as "dregs of the population" the people who assembled along the Champs Elysees to witness the departure of the competing soldiers. Until disproved, the revelations leave the most disagreeable impression, the more so because they come after eulogistic accounts of the manœuvres in which it was stated that an excellent feeling exists between leaders and led, and that the cases of ill discipline to be noted in former years are now happily absent.

[illegible] journal already cited has been attracting considerable attention to itself. The unhappy Bishop of Laval, Monsignor Geay, poured into the ears of a representative his inmost thoughts concerning his reception at the Vatican and the intrigues of the Cardinals ; his own fears as to his pension and the difficulties he had in reconciling his position between Rome and the Republic. It all made excellent reading, and threw a somewhat lurid light on the position of an unpopular Bishop in local society in France. The confessions of "Sa Grandeur" were evidently those of a man thoroughly unnerved. The question was, under what circumstances had the ecclesiastic been led to make such revelations ? It was manifest that the interviewer, M. Mouthon, had known him at other times, and in other circumstances, as the writer himself did not hesitate to inform the public. Were they, therefore, purely confidential utterances wrung from a man in peculiarly trying circumstances—a cleric who had broken with Rome and with his paymaster, the Government of this country ? The sensational disclosures were followed by a denial, and then by a retractation of the denial, so that the last case of the unfortunate Bishop was worse than the first. There is little doubt now as to the correctness of the interview, but criticism as to the propriety of its publication is based on the last rejoinder of the Bishop : I asked you to publish nothing There is, of course, the duty of the interviewer to his journal and to the public, from whom, nowadays, few secrets can be kept hidden ; but there is also the duty of humanity, if you will—of the strong towards a weak and broken man. When it is added that Monsi nor Geay believed he was speaking with an emissary of M. Combes, the role of his visitor appears in a light still more dubious. M. Mouthon, as the unveiler of the Humbert frauds, undoubtedly performed a public service ; as the unveiler of the forebodings and griefs of a dethroned Bishop his action is less clearly one of public utility. The controversy that has arisen about this painful incident touches that larger question of the rights of the individual which occasionally seem to be lost in the turmoil of modern Republican France.

The comments on the interview between Signor Giolitti, the Italian Premier, and Count von Bulow, the German Chancellor, are amusing, if only for the diversity they show. Some would have it that it is a demonstration of the Triple Alliance ; others that it concerns the role of Greece in Crete. and, generally, the Macedonian question ; others, again, that it is the first step towards an attempt at mediation in the Far East. Those who frankly say they do not know and cannot guess, fall back on the formula of a friendly and unofficial visit. There is this to support the last solution, that both statesmen are well acquainted and are equally at home in each other's country, Von Bulow having represented Germany diplomatically in Rome, and Giolitti having sheltered in the Empire for several years, from the storm raised by his opposition to Crispi. We may, of course, immediately dismiss the question of mediation, proved absurd a hundred times ; their remains the choice of two. It may well be that the statesmen are discussing Macedonia—much more likely than that they should be reaffirming the Triple Alliance at this time of day. But the temper in which the comments are addressed here, proves that public opinion is becoming very nervous at the present turn of events. France is in no mood to sing a gaudeamus. The ally has shaped badly, and this quick-witted people are the first to note the deficiencies in form.

Depression lies heavily upon the Press. No one discusses Russia without shrugging the shoulders as a sign that patience is exhausted. What will the end be ? Nobody knows; but everybody is sure that France will be the worse for it. But while the union of Paris with St. Petersburg is a strained affair a thing of paper and cold politics the Frenchman is yet jealous of the flirtations of the Emperor William. Few believe that there is a definite pact between the two Emperors, but everyone observes the unceasing efforts of Berlin to ingratiate herself in the heart of Muscovy. The cynical imagine that the German Jupiter is playing a double game secretly encouraging Japan, so that Russia may be humiliated, and thus a dangerous rival weakened ; and making open overtures to Russia for the double purpose of business dealings and of watching, lest the Tsar, becoming too discouraged, should give the

Asiatics such prestige in the East that the influence of Germany, with that of her European neighbours, would seriously suffer. It is not necessary to follow the convolutions of German policy to understand the secret anxiety of France. If Japan wins the day the prestige of the Grand Ally is so shattered, East and West, that there is no thunder in it for the Triple Alliance; if Russia succeeds, it will be largely due to the traditional foe of France - to German arms and a German loan. Nor is the material side to be left out of it. Russia has placed most of her orders with German firms, leaving France so much out in the cold that a leading house in ordnances had to make special representations at St. Petersburg to support its claims for a little share of the Grand Ally's custom. The French are discontented, and they show it; and St. Petersburg is no better pleased, as witness the comments of its Press—comments disagreeable enough for the ears of M. Combes whom it takes to task personally for the lukewarmness of his nation. Will the day ever be when M. Combes mounts the tribune to denounce this secular concordat? He is credited with a long memory and a temperament that demands an eye for an eye. And it might be good politics.

An interesting exhibition of life-saving appliances has been opened in the Grand Palais of the Champs Elysees. Among the exhibits is the Henri lifeboat. It has been invented by M. Henri, a naval designer at Rochefort. Its leading principle is a mobile centre-board, which enables the boat to right itself in any position. The false keel thickens at the lower extremity into what the designer calls a "bulb"—a cigar shaped wedge of lead, which by the mere force of gravity brings the boat round again. When seas break over the boat it is automatically emptied by a runnel in the bottom so constructed as to prevent the entry of the water from below. Further, the boat is motor-driven (though provided with oars and sails in case of a breakdown), and is the first lifeboat of the kind in France. The motor is of special construction, so that it could be immersed a full minute without danger of explosion. The boat has been finally adopted by the Societe Centrale de Sauvetage des Naufrages (the most important body of the kind in France), and four have been ordered by the Minister of Marine for the Escadre du Nord (Northern Squadron). As to whether it will be adopted by the English Lifeboat Institution I am unable to say, but it has been carefully inspected by Mr. Charles Dibden, the general secretary, who will make a report to the committee of the society.

Another exhibit of considerable interest is the life-belts and life-jackets made of vegetable fibrine, and known as "Kapok." It is extremely light and capable of supporting thirty times its own weight in the water, whereas cork can hardly bear six times its own weight. From the superficial examination possible, it appears to possess great advantages over the older substance. For instance, a "Kapok" waistcoat, which certainly does not weigh as heavy as an ordinary garment, is, I am assured, easily able to support the human body. The invention has received the approval of the English Board of Trade. An instrument of great ingenuity is also shown. It is an electrical machine for giving regular traction to the tongue of an apparently drowned person. It is said that resuscitation has taken place after three and even five or six hours.

A few notes may not be misplaced as to the French life-savings societies. The leading one, is the Societe Centrale de Sauvetage des Naufrages. It is a voluntary society, receiving only a slight grant-in-aid from the State. It has a hundred boats stationed at the most important points along the coast. The Life boat Institution of England has almost three times that number of boats and a yearly income (about £120,000) which represents the capital of the other. Thus the two, as far as resources and development are concerned, are in a vastly different position. There is another society in France, but much smaller which occupies itself exclusively with the Brittany coast. These are the organisations which concern themselves with the saving of life at sea; Seine and the Marne, which do the work of the English Royal Humane Society. They are provided with flat-bottomed country boats. The Customs officials, just as does the Coastguard in England give great assistance to the Societe Centrale. A humble "douanier" has invented a life-line, called after him the ligne Brunel, whereby some two thousand people have been saved in the last five years. The line is of extreme simplicity: a cord would round a short staff, having at its free end a three-fluked hook. The drowning person is either thrown the staff, or is hooked ashore by the grapnel if he is unconscious. The douaniers along the seaboard carry this little instrument in their pocket, so that it is instantly available for the drowning. I was informed by Mr. Dibden that experiments are now being made at Cowes with a motor lifeboat. For the purpose of testing its qualities in rough seas, the boat will be stationed at Newhaven during the winter months. However, experience has not been altogether favourable to the use of steam lifeboats. The institutions possesses two, fitted with turbines and protected screws. But this class of boat requires a harbour which does not dry out. The more practicable way seems to be the steam tug to tow the boat out to the wreck.

RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE IN SWEDEN.

Naib Dastur Rustamji Edalji Sanjana, a correspondent writes, who was one of the distinguished delegates at the Religious Congress held at Bale in August last, and who at once took his place among the European savants there, left Bale on the 10th of September for Germany, where he visited the Avestan Professors, Dr. Gaigar and Wilhelm, of the Erlangen and Jena Universities. Naib Dastur then went to Copenhagen, which he left on the 20th September for Stockholm to attend the Religious Conference of Sweden, to which he had been invited. Here he was well received by Prof. Soederblom, of the Upsala University, whose guest he was. In the Stockholm Conference which opened on the 21st September, the young Dastur delivered an impressive lecture on the "Attributes of Ahura Mazda in the Avesta," which was so much appreciated that he was requested by the Professors of the Upsala University to deliver another lecture on the Avestan doctrines. According to this request, on the 23rd September, in the University Lecture Hall at Upsala, Naib Dastur spoke on "Ethics in the Avesta" before an audience of over 1,500 students and professors of that University, besides many well-known personages of Sweden. These two addresses made the young Dastur known everywhere in Sweden and he was given a public dinner by the Archbishop and was honoured by a private interview with the King of Sweden. The Parsi community may be congratulated upon having such an enlightened and able young Deputy High-priest among them. Naib Dastur left Sweden for New York on the 26th of September, whence he will return to England in November; he goes later to France and to Germany, again staying for a few days at Bale, on his return journey to India.

Slowly but surely the Pope is enforcing his ideas on the reform of music in Roman Catholic Churches. It was time; but the particular city in which reform was most needful was Rome itself. It would be difficult to hear, in some of the quite prominent churches of Rome itself, music so wretched, so badly sung, so incompetent. Many of the greatest masters have tried their hands at Masses. Of course one makes no reference to such master works as Bach's or Beethoven's mighty compositions; and, indeed, it would be impossible without considerable cutting when one considers the elaborate ceremonial of the High Mass. Indeed, it would be impossible to imagine anything worse than the music of the average Mass as one hears it in various churches and chapels up and down the country and on the Continent. Again although there is considerable controversy as to how far Mozart had a hand in many of the Masses attributed to his name, they are for the most part devoid of genuine greatness, and in one exceedingly famous instance it is definitely ascertained that the greater part of it was certainly written by Sussmayer, Mozart's devoted friend and disciple.

THE BOMBAY EXHIBITION.

THE LADIES' SECTION.

The prespectus of the Ladies' Section of the Bombay Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition has been published The merits of the exhibits in this Section will be decided by a Committee of specially qualified ladies. A Loan Section will also be attached to the Women's Section. Works of Art and articles of special merit, including those of antiquarian interest, will be thankfully received for this section from ladies who do not aim at any commercial advantage or benefit. All arrangements for the display of the Exhibits lent for this section will be made by the Exhibition authorities at their own expense. Articles of indigenous Art or Manufacture, from any part of India, Burma or Ceylon and adjacent British Possessions, will as a rule be accepted for the Exhibition. Implements or machines of foreign manufacture, which, in the opinion of the Ladies' Committee are likely to promote or develop industries for Indian women will also be accepted.

Intending exhibitors are requested to send in to one of the Secretaries as soon as possible, a list of their proposed Exhibits. This list should reach the Secretaries at the latest by 15th November.

Exhibits will be received from the 15th October till the 5th December by any member of the General Committee of the Women's Section, preferably by Miss N. H. Patuck, (Girgaum Back Road), who is the Secretary for receiving contributions. Receipts will be given for all the articles sent.

The Section comprises the following groups:—Group I. Fine arts:—Painting in oil or water colours, wood carving, etching, drawing, lithographing, reproduction, stained glass, wood staining inlaid work, embossed nail work, fret work, photography, pyrography, crystoleum painting, painting on silk, velvet, etc., and methods of design and their application. Group II. Embroidery and Needle work of every description—Ancient and modern silver or gold or mixed thread embroidery, ancient and modern silk embroidery work, Madras, Surat, Bengal and Karachee embroidery work; applique work, ribbon work; embroidery machine work, knot-stitch and drawn-thread work; bead embroidery work; canvas and card-board work. Group III. Dress-making and different articles of dress, Group IV. Typical Costumes of women—Group V. Laces and Knitting.—Ceylon, Goa, Maltese Brussels and Irish lace; crotchet lace, macrame Point, Torchon and matting lace; shawls, socks, stockings, hoods chemises and other knitting work, by hand or machine. Group VI. Tapestry.—Carpet weaving, durrie weaving, silk and gold embroidery weaving, cotton weaving both hand and machine illustrative of the mill industry. Group VII—Dyeing; silk and cotton printing; Cashmere and Karachi printing. Group VII. Moulding—Methods of casting and preparing moulds. Group VIII, Pottery Work— Group IX. Kindergarten Work—Toys etc., for children.

Group X. Music—Newly composed. Group XI. Home Industry of the Middle Classes and the Poorer Classes.—Washing, soap-making, basket-making, cane and bamboo work, bead curtains, grass-bead curtains, reed curtains, rope making tapes, buttons Kasti, Khadi-making. Group XII. Articles of Ladies' Apparel etc.—Of ancient times, samples of ladies' handicraft of old times, etc., etc., Groups XIII. Confectionery, Preserves and eatables,—Which will keep unspoilt for a length of time.

Group XIV. Women's handiwerk not enumerated above.

ABKARI PROSECUTIONS.

THE SALE OF COCAINE.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Mr. Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Motilal Gooruji was charged with having sold cocaine without a license and Harjivan Khimji with aiding and abetting in the commission of the offence on the night of 30th August last. Mr. Yorke-Smith conducted the case while the accused were defended by Mr. Ollivera, Pleader, when the case was on for hearing at the Third Presidency Magistrate's Court on the 31st of August, the second accused complained of an assault on him by Mr. Bhownagaree Abkari Inspector. The second accused accordingly filed a complaint before the Presidency Magistrate and his two informants, Popat and Magan. Mr. Ingle Assistant Collector of Abkari presented an affidavit on the 7th of September in the Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court for the transfer of this case from the Third Presidency Magistrate's Court on public grounds. The Chief Presidency Magistrate after hearing the accused's lawyers and the Public Prosecutor refused the application for the transfer of the case and ordered the assault case

PURELY PERSONAL.

LADY CURZON, whose illness is so widely deplored, has been well described as one of the most beautiful women of two Continents, says M. A. P. She is tall, with classical features, and smooth black hair, which she dresses in the plainest of Madonna-like band. Her appearance is at once dignified and most picturesque. When Miss Mary Leiter, she was recognised as one of the handsomest girls in American Society, and was styled "The Belle of Three Cities."—Newport, New York, and Washington. Lady Curzon dresses to perfection and patronises the dressmakers of both London and Paris. Like many of her compatriots, she is a rich woman, and recently inherited a fortune of about half a million. And like several well-known women, Lady Curzon began her married life with a succession of daughters, the youngest—Alexandra Naldera, a goddaughter of the Queen—being only six months old.

Everyone will join in the best of birthday wishes—to that veteran statesman, the Earl of Cranbrook who attains the great age of ninety, and is still, although not able to get about so much as he used wonderfully hearty, hale and alert. On the occasion of the wedding, a few years ago, of his eldest grandson, Mr. Gathorne Gathorne-Hardy, to Lady Dorothy Boyle, people who were present noted how Lord Cranbrook walked down the church with the air and gait of a man of fifty; and it has sometimes been said, indeed, that he looks to-day a younger man than his eldest son, Lord Medway, who is himself nearer seventy than sixty.

It is much more than sixty years since Lord Cranbrook was called to the Bar, and very nearly fifty since he first took office as Under-Secretary for the Home Department. It was about this time that he acquired, by purchase, Hemsted Park, the pretty place near his titular town, in the highest part of the Weald of Kent, where he has lived ever since. He finds himself now in the company of three other nonagenarians in the House of Lords—Lords Gwydyr, Norton, and Field—and he is the youngest of the four! Lord Cranbrook has had the happiness of seeing his children's children to the third generation, and he is devoted to his three sturdy great-grandchildren, the little sons of Mr. and Lady Dorothy Gathorne-Hardy.

Apropos of the amusing story told of the ineffectual efforts of the mounted police guard at Lowther to keep pace with Lord Lonsdale and the Emperor, let me relate (writes my Berlin correspondent) another incident, which I believe has never been published, showing the reverse of the medal. It has to do with the adjutants of the Emperor, General von Plessen, and Colonel von Pluskow, who were mounted on two magnificent hunters belonging to the Earl of Lonsdale. Their duties at the side of his Majesty in Germany had not accustomed them to such fiery steeds. Instead, therefore, of remaining in the vicinity of the carriage containing the Earl and his Imperial guest, they suddenly flashed ahead, and before his Majesty could shout even the briefest inquiry as to their destination, were out of sight. Apparently the English hunters disapproved of the German military grip, Lord Churchill, who was sent in pursuit of the bolting adjutants, found General von Plessen on the brow of a distant hill, where he had managed to dismount. He had his horse by the head and expressed the firm intention of leading him home. Colonel von Pluskow is said to have been somewhat less fortunate than the General, but he also succeeded in returning to Lowther with his bones whole.

Prince Herbert Bismarck, whose death at the early age of fifty-four deprives the Bismarckian dynasty of its last grown-up representative, imitated his father in refusing to forgive the present Emperor for the incidents which marked the retirement of the Iron Chancellor. When he was Foreign Secretary he was known at Court by those who desire to unseat his father and himself as "Crown Prince Herbert." The Emperor, however, had a great personal liking for Herbert, whom he took with him on all his political journeyings through Europe. Bismarck "pere" watched the friendship with mixed feelings. "They are both about the same age" he used to say but he felt distinctly that the companionship was a means of enabling the Emperor to avoid the society of his septuagenarian mentor. When the crisis came resulting as it did in the dismissal of the great Chancellor, the Emperor hoped to keep up appearances as far as the public was concerned by retaining the services of Count Herbert. It was a great blow to his Majesty to learn that the son was determined to follow his father. From that moment Count Herbert was struck off the lists of the Emperor's friends.

It is too often the fate of a great man—a trick which the impishness of destiny delights to play him—to beget a son who resembles his father in nothing save the defects of his qualities. Bismarck and his eldest and last surviving son Prince Herbert, constitute a case in point. Tall, broad, muscular, a German student of the broad-sword and beer-swilling sort, gifted with an enormous capacity for the consumption of liquor, and with a roughness of manner that was not exceeded even by that of his great father—on the strength of which he was very cordially disliked by a very great number of people—Prince Herbert Bismarck had most of the quite separable accidents of the paternal genius without the slightest touch of its real nature and property.

"Had he not been his father's son," says an incisive writer in the "Pall Mall Gazette," "he would have been an obscure Prussian official and a fairly typical specimen of that particularly unpleasant creature. As it was, he served the State as Foreign Secretary, under his father, without special distinction, but long enough to prove that genius is not hereditary. That truism is, indeed, the only conclusion that it occurs to one to draw from the career of Prince Herbert Bismarck."

I give below some extracts of a letter received by M. A. P. from a passenger on the Walmer Castle: The voyage of Princess Christian and Princess Victoria to South Africa in the R. M. S. Walmer Castle was marked by fine weather all the way; in fact, one might safely say that the whole time was "queenly" as regards weather, the well-known good luck of the late Queen Victoria as regards weather attending her daughter. Leaving Southampton on 26th August the "Walmer" arrived at Madeira on Wednesday, August 24th. Here a stay of some six hours was made embling the Royal party to pay a visit to the shore. The cog-wheel railway was visited, and an ascent made to the Mount Church, and the return journey made by means of the toboggan or running carro, a very popular method of decending the mountain, which drops some 2,000 feet to the sea level. This was greatly enjoyed by all the members of the Royal party, who returned to the ship greatly delighted with all the various novelties of the island that time had permitted them to see. During the voyage there was no evidence visible that Royalty was on board, with the exception that in a certain portion of the deck certain royal red cushions were visible on three deck chairs, which usually occupied a particular portion of the deck. The passengers with one accord were delighted with the interest displayed by Princess Christian and Princess Victoria in all the various deck games, sports concerts, and other forms of amusements on board, and when the voyage came to an end on Tuesday, September 6th, when Cape Town was reached, great regret was expressed at the journey's having come to an end so soon. The friendly interest shown by Princess Christian in the life history and well being of the passengers on board is shown by the following. A certain lady was to be married on the day of arrival in Cape Town. Hearing of this, and feeling to a stranger in a strange land the loneliness of the day must be marked, the Princess sent for the lady in question not half an hour before the official landing took place, and presented her with a sprig of myrtle cut off a plant which had been brought out from England, saying at the same time, I wish you to wear this to-day at your marriage. My mother wore a sprig off this same plant at her wedding, and I also wore a sprig of it at my wedding.

The ways of publicity are unexpected. Cardinal Manning, after the dock strike settlement, rose from a perusal of the morning papers and their panegyric with a puzzled expression. 'What have I done or said in this affair," he asked a friend, "that I have not been saying and doing every day for forty years?" Yet all of a sudden fame caught him, as it were, in the act. The case of Lady Herbert (says a well-informed writer in the Tablet) is, perhaps, stranger yet in its happy irresponsibility. Her sacrifices and services are known to Catholics, but not, it seems, to the writers who have suddenly discovered a reason for paying a tribute to her record—the reason being the burglary committed at Herbert House.

Lady Herbert is, no doubt, very willing to be the associate of Cardinal Manning in any such freak of publicity. Her bond with him in the old days was a very close one. "I had been married about four months," to tell the story as Lady Herbert herself has told it to others, "when my husband one day brought to introduce to me one whom he called his oldest school and college friend, adding 'he is the holiest man I have ever met. It was quite true. There was something about Archdeacon Manning which made one ashamed of an unworthy thought or a careless word: and yet he was always loving and tender as a woman." A little later the young wife, who was able to look back on her married life at the close of it as "from first to last heaven upon earth," had scruples that she was not clever and witty enough to be Sidney Herbert's fit companion. Then it was Manning's still small voice that comforted her: "Your business is not to make your husband's home brilliant, but blessed," he said.

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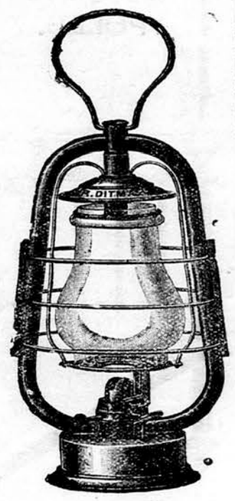

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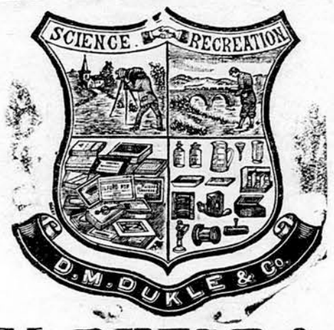

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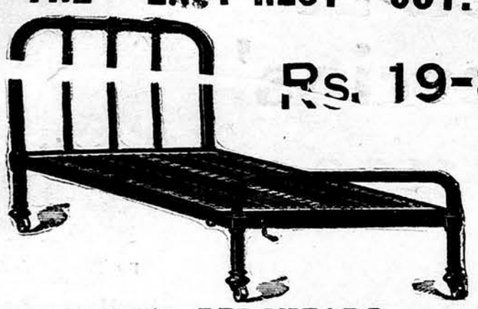

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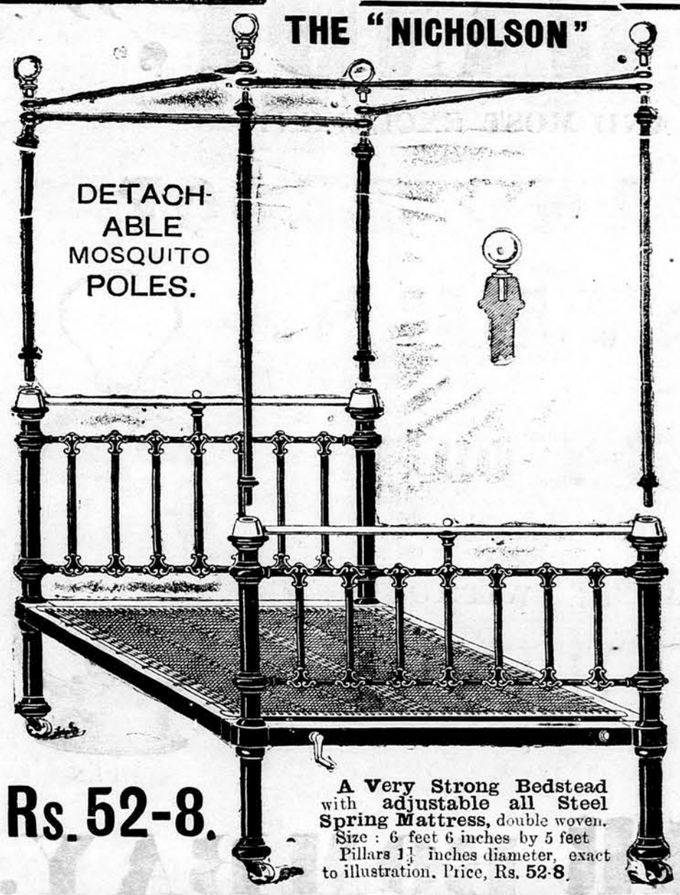

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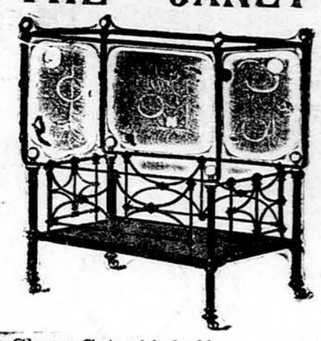

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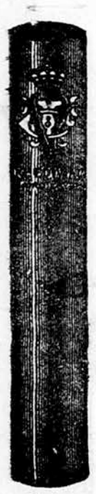

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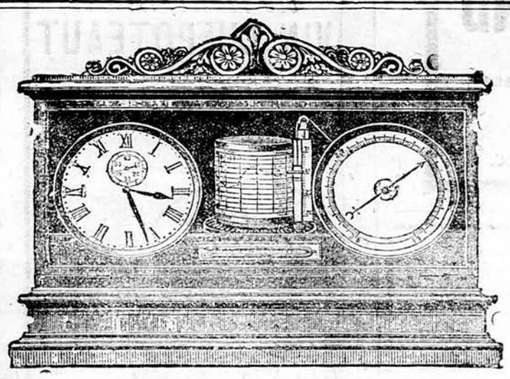

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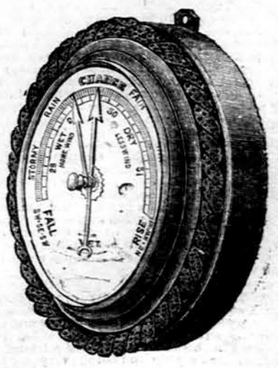

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